

HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 | 10:15 AM

Today

8:00 AM: Worship Christ Chapel

8:45 AM: Breakfast Provided by the Community of Hope Bishop Commons

9:00 AM: Formation Inglett Hall

10:15 AM: Worship Nave

1:00 PM: Spanish-speaking Worship Nave 6:00 PM: Celtic-style Worship Christ Chapel

A Season of Renewal

Lent, meaning "spring" in Old English, is a sacred season of reflection, preparation, and renewal. For 40 days, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating on Holy Saturday, we walk a path that mirrors Jesus' time in the wilderness—seeking clarity, deepening our faith, and opening our hearts to transformation.

At Holy Innocents', we embrace Lent as an opportunity to nurture our faith and strengthen our community. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of service, we draw closer to God and one another. Our worship takes on a contemplative tone—setting aside the Gloria and Alleluias as we prepare for the joy of Easter. This year, we pray with words both ancient and familiar, using an updated version of the traditional Rite I Eucharistic Prayer, echoing the beauty of our 1928 Prayer Book.

Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are welcome here. This season is an invitation—to return, to reflect, to renew. We hope you will join us in worship, in fellowship, and in this holy journey together. If you are new, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a newcomer card in person or online so we can personally welcome you.

Let this Lent be a time of grace, growth, and deeper connection with God and community.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Nursery care is available for children under four during the 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM services.

We are grateful for your **generosity** that sustains our mission to follow Christ and serve others.



The people stand as they are able at the sound of the bell.

The peoples' responses are in bold.

Our service is taken from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the pew rack.

Our music is in the blue hymnal.

Prelude

Silent Processional

A Penitential Order

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

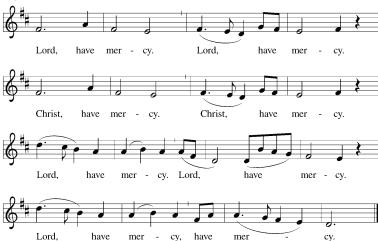
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel and silence is kept.

Almighty and most merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O God, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to us
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may ever hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie | FRANZ SCHUBERT



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson | Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: The people may be seated.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 | ST. NÖEL CHABANEL



The Lord has done_great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

ANTIPHON

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

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Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

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Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

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The Second Lesson | Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 147 | Now Let Us All With One Accord BOURBON VV. 1-2 BEFORE: VS. 3 AFTER

Gospel | John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

The people stand as able.

The Gospel Procession reminds us that it is our responsibility to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ into all the world.

During the Gospel processional, children ages Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to follow the cross to attend Children's Chapel.

The children will return during the peace.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

The Sermon | The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray RECTOR

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us in your ways of reconciliation, that through confession forgiveness, repentance and amendment of life, your church may bear faithful witness to your redeeming love.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to lands of drought and sunshine to places overwhelmed by flood, that the earth may once again yield what nourishes and sustains life.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as one human family. Give leaders the courage to set aside pride and self-interest, to stop the squandering of lives and time, and to work for justice, peace, and the well-being of all.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home, estranged from loved ones, or burdened by regret. Empower your people to both seek and offer forgiveness.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of unconditional welcome, expand our human circles to include all who have been excluded. Bless ministries that reach those on the margins, that the hospitality of Jesus may be made real for all people.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of resurrection life, welcome into your eternal peace all who have died, especially Nancy McAlister. We give thanks for their lives, and entrust them into your keeping, where reconciliation is complete, and joy knows no end.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people, O God, and draw all things together in your love, through Jesus Christ, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**.

The people are seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or with QR code on page 1.

Offertory Anthem | What Wondrous Love Is This EUGENE OLDHAM

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

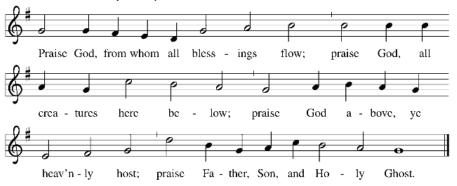
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be; And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And through eternity, I'll sing on.

[American Folk Hymn, anonymous]

Presentation Hymn | OLD 100TH



The Great Thanksgiving | RITE I, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing: The people stand as able.

The Sanctus | FRANZ SCHUBERT



All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

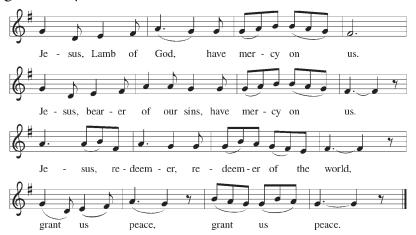
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction and Invitation

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei | FRANZ SCHUBERT



All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by placing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Hymn 662 | Abide With Me EVENTIDE

Anthem | Love Is The Key HELEN WILLIAMS

Love is the key of life and death, Of hidden heavenly mystery: Of all Christ is, of all He saith, Love is the key.

As three times to His Saint He saith, He saith to me, He saith to thee, Breathing His Grace-conferring Breath: "Lovest thou Me?"

Ah, Lord, I have such feeble faith, Such feeble hope to comfort me: But love it is, is strong as death, And I love Thee.

[Christina Rossetti, "A Song for the Least of All Saints"]

Sending forth of Holy Communion

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 474 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ROCKINGHAM

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

We are here for you.

If you have a pastoral emergency at any time, please call the church office and follow the prompts. You will immediately be connected to Bill, Stewart or Ruth, who take turns being on-call. The word "pastor" is the Latin word for shepherd. The Community of Hope at Holy Innocents is a community of lay persons in the parish who have been deeply and thoroughly trained in the care and practice of being a pastor. If you would like to talk or pray with a lay pastoral caregiver, please email CoH@holyinnocents.org

SONG OF ATLANTA CONCERT - TONIGHT, 4:00 PM



Celebrate Holy Week & Easter with us!

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist in Christ Chapel 9:30 AM | Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 AM | Holy Eucharist in the Nave 11:15 AM | Youth Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM | Spanish Service in the Nave 6:00 PM | Celtic Service in Christ Chapel **Learn More**



The Church celebrates Christ's joyful resurrection as a community at our regularly scheduled services with singing, prayers, preaching, and praise. The rector will preach as we celebrate with choir, organ, brass, and a beautifully decorated church. The 10:15 AM service will be live-streamed.



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