



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 | 7:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM

Welcome

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and celebrate, think and talk, laugh and cry, and pray. Together we discover that we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, alive and active in every person and in the world. Join us as we gather to worship God and serve our neighbors.

Newcomers

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online with the QR code. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

Giving

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



Childcare

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

*The people gather in
quiet prayer.*

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

*The people's
responses are in bold.*

*On this day, the ministers enter in silence, and the Celebrant
begins the liturgy with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.*

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing
you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily
lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson | Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON

1x soloist, 2x all;
thereafter, all

Psalm 103 | ST. NOËL CHABANEL



Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

ANTIPHON

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

ANTIPHON

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

ANTIPHON

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

ANTIPHON

The Second Lesson | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!
We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute

and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people stand.

The Sermon | Taylor Irwin 7:00 AM

The Rev. T. Stewart Lucas 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM

After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent. Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling. The people come forward for the imposition of ashes. Then the people kneel or are seated.

Psalm 51 | Miserere mei WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.
Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Litany of Penitence

After the imposition of ashes, the Celebrant and People say together,

**Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Celebrant, stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The people stand to greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

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. The people stand when the gifts are presented.

Offertory Music

12:15 PM | Wayfaring Stranger RICHARD WALTERS ALEXIS LUNDY, SOLOIST

6:00 PM | O Divine Redeemer CHARLES GOUNOD ALLISON NANCE, SOLOIST

Presentation Hymn

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all!

The Great Thanksgiving | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out

from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Innocents all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. 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 Breaking of the Bread

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

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven,"
says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Invitation to Holy Communion

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.

Communion Anthems

12:15 PM | Balm in Gilead HARRY T. BURLEIGH ALEXIS LUNDY, SOLOIST

6:00 PM | O Rest in the Lord MENDELSSOHN ALLISON NANCE, SOLOIST

Please move to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

After receiving communion feel free to light a candle for someone you love.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn 142 | Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SAVE THE DATE

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FEBRUARY 16

Men of HI: Third Friday

FEBRUARY 18

Formation: President's Day

FOMA: Mosaic Quartet

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Illuminated Pages

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GLOW

MARCH 3

Formation: "I will with God's help."

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Church of the Common Ground

MARCH 20

Special Event with Temple Sinai

MARCH 21

Women of HI: Sound Bath

MARCH 24

Palm Sunday, Children's Choir Performance, Potluck Brunch

HOLY WEEK

- March 25 | 6:00 PM Service
- March 26 | 6:00 PM Service
- March 27 | 6:00 PM Service
- Maundy Thursday | 6:00 PM Service
- Good Friday | 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
- Easter Vigil | 6:00 PM Service
- Easter Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM

HI-LIGHTS

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Illuminated Pages with Rev. Ruth Pattison | February 21, 28, March 6

Lenten Series on Wednesday Nights, RSVP online.

Participants will engage in the practice of Bible Study through Art Journaling. In Illuminated Pages you are the modern scribe, using art supplies right on the pages of scripture for the purpose of spiritual listening. Watercolors, charcoal sticks, acrylic paints, collage materials, inks, gesso, water-soluble crayons, and maybe even some needle and thread, will deepen your experience of contemplation. No 'art' experience necessary.

GLOW | February 28

Let's GLOW for Lent. Kids ages PreK- 5th grade are invited to share an hour together this lent to discover the joy of prayer and giving.

Poptarts & Pajamas | March 10

Don't let daylight savings bum you out. Bring the kids to church in their pajamas for a fun pop tart themed morning

Men's Dinner and a Book | March 12

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm and the book is *The Appalachian Trail: A Biography* by Philip D'Anieri. Jay Croft is hosting. If you would like to attend, please contact Jeremy Webber at jhwwebber@gmail.com for details. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited.

Seder Meal | March 13

Join Cantor Beth Schafer in celebrating Passover with food and song for the whole family. Designed to include the youngest and the oldest alike, a Seder recounts Israel's escape from Egypt recounted in Exodus. Registration is online.

Ventulett Gallery Opening: *Quietness Without Loneliness* | March 14

Join us on for the next gallery opening, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Jenni Horne, a Southern painter, finds inspiration in the natural beauty of the South. She taught art for over 20 years before pursuing her passion for painting. Her work, characterized by bold colors and expressive brushstrokes, reflects the region's rich heritage. Horne, now a painting professor at the University of West Georgia, resides in Newnan, Georgia, where she shares her love of art and Southern culture with her family.

HI-LIGHTS

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Women of HI: Sound Bath Meditation | March 21

The Women of Holy Innocents have invited Sonia Thames from Wellness Vibe to lead a Sound Bath Meditation for our retreat. She will lead us using harmonious soothing sounds of crystal bowls, Himalayan bowls, gongs, solfeggio pipes, chimes, drums and other healing musical instruments. From 6:00 – 8:00 PM, bring a yoga mat! RSVP online.

Men of HI Retreat | April 19-21

Mark your calendars for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and renewal at our annual retreat, on April 19-21 at Lake Logan Episcopal Center, in Canton NC near the Blue Ridge Parkway. We will begin our time together Friday evening for dinner followed by a Saturday morning program, afternoon activities, dinner, and a bonfire Saturday night, and wrap up Sunday morning with discussion and Eucharist. Registration is online.

Contact John Harris | harris4338@gmail.com

Upcoming Formation

“I will with God’s help” March 3 – April 28

These are the words with which we enter the Baptismal Covenant in the Episcopal Church. Companion with our confirmation candidates for this class series. See it as a refresher course and Reaffirm your own faith when our Bishop visits on May 5th. This class will explore all the questions to which we answer, “I will with God’s help,” at Baptism, Confirmation, and every Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.

Ye Olde Hymn Sing | March 17

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with mimosas and breakfast as we sing some familiar favorites...plus some fun St. Patty’s Day surprises. Will someone unlock the alleluias? Who will play the kazoo? Join us during formation for food, merriment, and song. We have raffles, guest solos on our spin-a-wheel, and good casual singing. As you enter Inglett Hall, please sign up for one of our raffles. This is a fundraiser event benefiting the Choir/Parish Scotland trip this summer.

Sabbath, Sabbaticals, and Renewal | May 12 & May 19

“And on the 7th day, God rested from all the work that he had done. . .” From our weekly observance of rest on the sabbath, allowing a field to lie fallow, to sabbatical years and the Year of Jubilee, God has fashioned us and all creation, to need rest and relaxation. Let’s talk about the vulnerability and risk of taking rest, and consider ways to make it happen, as we seek to live a more wholehearted life.

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