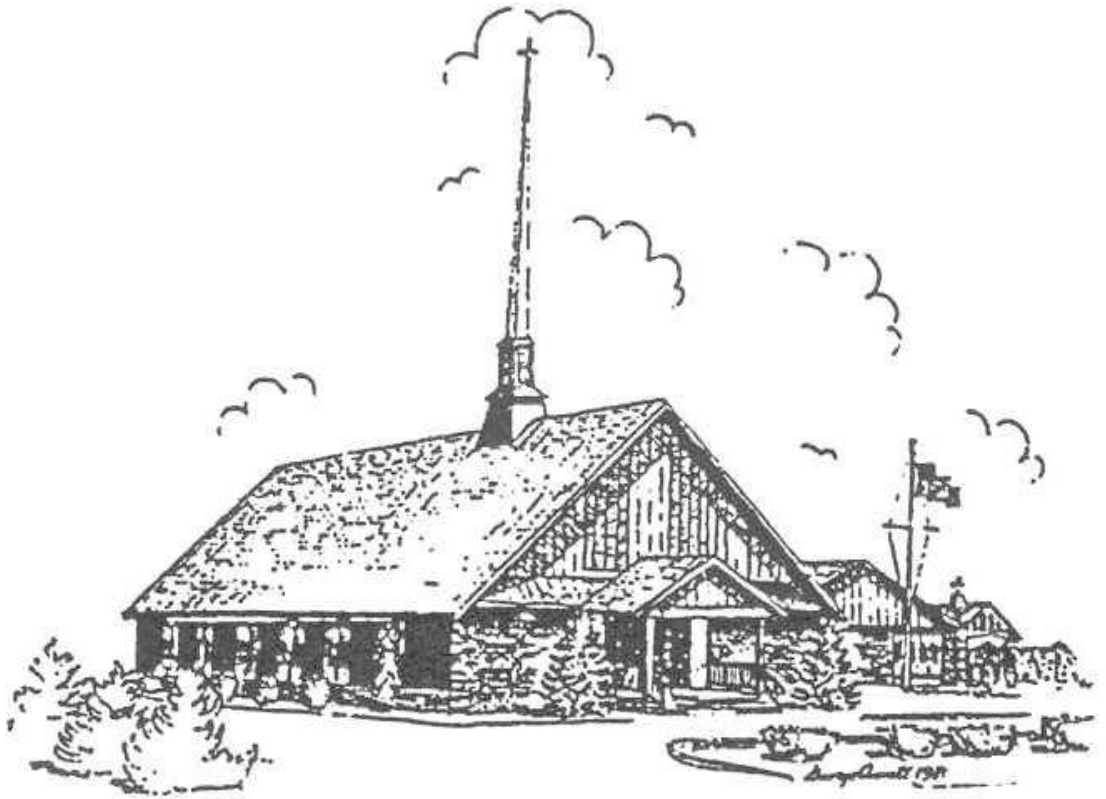


The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents

15 March, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome! Our service materials are in the Book of Common Prayer or BCP (Red Book); the 1982 Hymnal (Blue Book); and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (hymnal with the red spine.) You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Welcome

Entrance Hymn #686 *(All stand) Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

Celebrant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

(Please remain standing, You may also Kneel)

Minister and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant

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. *People Amen.*

Kyrie S-96 (*All sing*)

Lord Have Mercy

Franz Peter Schubert

THE WORD OF GOD

Salutation and Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 167

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson (*Please be seated*)

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his

appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #645 (*Seated*) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBIA

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #699 (*Please Stand*) *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but

we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon *(Please be seated)*

The Rev. Erin Morey

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.

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all live in unity and godly love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, and Erin our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Mikie, our Governor and Colleen, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those on our Parish Sick List and all those who in this transitory life,

are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Rose Federici, friend of Judy Contreras and those we now name silently or aloud. We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Innocents, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *People* **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please Stand*)

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (*Please be seated*) *My Savior and My God* Jay Althouse

Presentation of the Gifts (*All stand*)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340

(*Please remain standing. You may also kneel.*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, 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 thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus S-130 *(All sing)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Peter Schubert

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine 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 thee, 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. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath 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 thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 336

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

BCP, p. 337

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei **S-164** (*All sing*) *Agnus Dei*

Franz Peter Schubert

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion

You are invited to stand or kneel at the front rail to receive communion. You may receive the bread, the wine, or both. If you need a gluten free wafer please let the celebrant know.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

BCP, p. 339

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

Prayer Over the People

Bow down before the Lord *(Please Kneel)*

Keep this thy family, Lord, with thy never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of thy heavenly grace, they may be upheld by thy divine protection; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn #145 (LEVAS) *Have Thine own Way, Lord!*

George C. Stebbins

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Voluntary

Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY - Please join us in Martin Hall!

Serving Today: **Crucifer** ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ George Waldner

Ushers ~ Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes **Chalice Bearer** ~ Vince Contreras

Parish Prayer List – March 15, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, March 18th**.*

Lara Sparks Deitz	Dennis	Warren Lamon
Ann White	Pierro Family	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie	Joe
Dcn. Judy	Meg Neff	Pat
Rich Cashel	Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter
Ellis Barbieri	Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood
Diane	Jeannine	Frank
Nellie Riley	Will Locovare	Devin Hone
Rick Rosenbaum	Kay DeCicco	Anna & Matteo Mannino
Scotty Camarote	Don Deitz	Gail South
Erma Green	Keith Aclin	Becka
Chuck Maschal	Bob Morris	Gia
Kathy	Karen	Mike

Deaths:

Rose Federici, friend of Judy Contreras

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandon White

WEEKLY CALENDAR March 16 – 21

16 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
17 – Tues	Happy St. Patrick's Day!	
18 – Wed	Tai Chi Class in Martin Hall	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal w/Lunch	11:00 AM – 2:30 PM
	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
	Lenten Series	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

19 – Thurs	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group Compline (FB)	7:30 PM 9:00 PM
20 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> Stations of the Cross (In-Person & FB)	5:00 PM
21 – Sat	Marie Berger Interment	11:00 AM

Birthdays: Heidi Ferringo (03/15), Francis Kleber (03/15), Sally Potts (03/16)
Howard Dumhart (03/17), Patricia August (03/17), Maggie Aftanis (03/18)
Christine Cathcart (03/19), Ethan Romanowski (03/19), Susan Johnson (03/21)
James Bishop (03/21)



2026 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

AT HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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March 29	9:30 AM Palm Sunday — Holy Eucharist, Choir
APRIL 2	6:00 PM Maundy Thursday — Holy Eucharist, Footwashing, Choir
APRIL 2	7:00 PM until 11:00 PM Gethsemane Watch — Vigil
APRIL 3	12:00 noon - Good Friday — Holy Eucharist from Reserve, Choir
APRIL 5	9:30 AM Easter Day — Holy Eucharist, Choir, Brass. 10:30 AM Outdoor Egg Hunt All children are invited!

Easter Flowers



If you wish to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward our Easter flowers, please fill out the information below and place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail/drop off your donation to the church office.

Please **PRINT** the donor and recipient names **clearly** and please note **“Flower Guild-Easter”** in the check memo.

YOUR NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

DONATION AMT: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

In order to have all the Memorials
acknowledged in the Easter bulletin,
return this form to the office no later than **Monday, March 30th**



Donate your way.

Give one time, anytime or
set up a recurring donation.

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