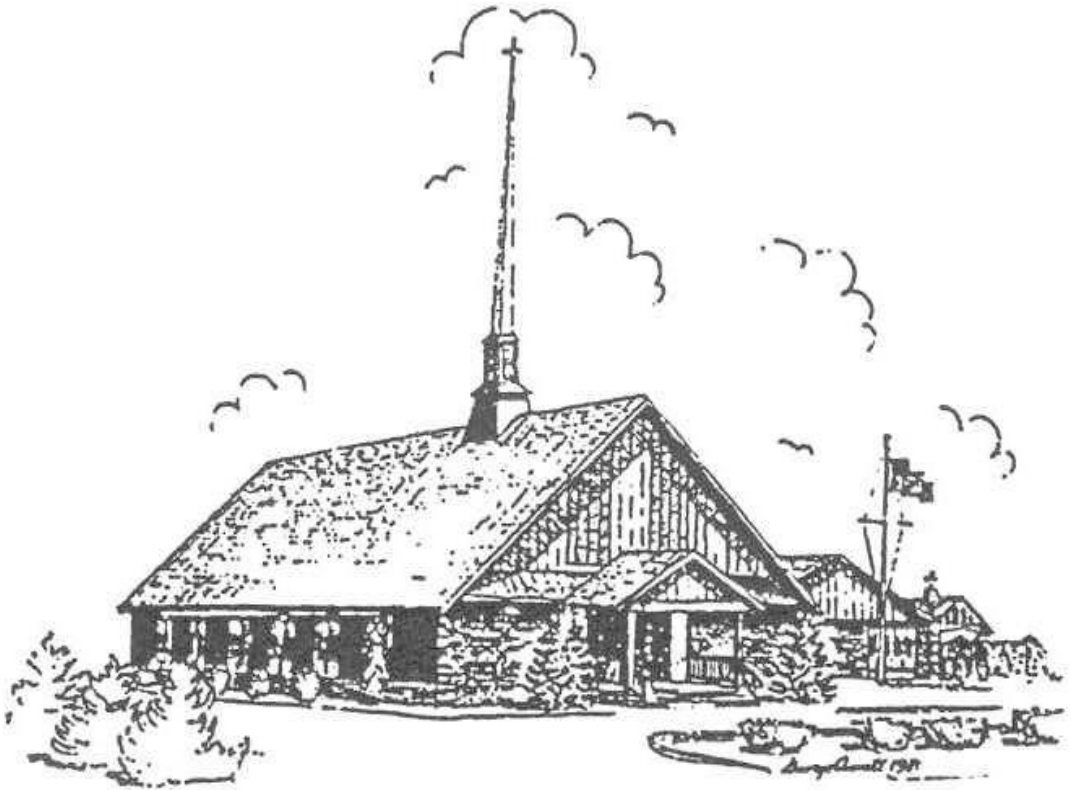


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*  
*06 September, 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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn #376**    *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*    **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

**Gloria: S-280** (*All sing*)    *Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson**    (*Please be seated*)

**Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole

lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 149**

**BCP, p. 807**

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
     let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.  
 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
     and adorns the poor with victory.  
 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
     let them be joyful on their beds.  
 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
     and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
     and punishment on the peoples;  
 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
     and their nobles with links of iron;  
 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
     this is glory for all his faithful people.  
 Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

## Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** *(All are seated)*

**The Sermon**

*(Please be Seated)*

**The Rev. Erin Morey**

**The Nicene Creed**

*(Please stand)*

**BCP, p. 358**

**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: Form VI** *(Please remain standing)*

**BCP, p. 392**

*Celebrant* Let us offer our prayers to God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For Colleen our Mayor, Mikie our Governor, and Donald our President;  
for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop, and for Erin our Rector and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

*Leader* We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially those on our Parish Prayer List: *Lara, Connie, Dennis, Debbie, Joe, Pat, Warren, Ann, Judy, Meg, Rich, Charles, Doug, Ellis, Judy, Diane, Jeannine, Nellie, Will, Devin, Rick, Scotty, Becka, Karen, Roy, Mike, Shirley, Ben, Tim, Mike, Karen, Walter, Kathy, Johnny, Matthew, James, Sue, Joe, Jack, Dixie, Mary, Amy, Charles, Ellen, Oliver, Cindy, Jacob, Xavier, Rachel, Pat, Eleri, Sherry, Cynthia, Jo-Anne, Susie, Connor, Phillip, Sean, Ellen, Eileen, Charles, Kitty, Greg, John, Alan, Rich, Bruce, Sydney, Jean & Keith.* We remember the poor, all victims of climate change, the sick, the shut-in, all caregivers, the grieving, and all those we name now, either silently or aloud. We pray for all those who serve in the military and other dangerous professions, and all who work for peace.

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation, and all the saints.

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant* O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

**BCP, p. 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

### **The Absolution**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(All stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements** *(Please be seated)*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Hymn #524** *(Please remain seated)* *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

### **Presentation of the Gifts** *(All stand)*

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Sanctus* S-129** *(All sing)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **All: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p. 364**

**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**

**Fraction Anthem: S-154** (*All sing*) *Christ Our Passover*

David Hurd

## 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.  
If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

## Music During Communion

**Hymn LEVAS #154** *(All sing)*

*Taste and See*

James E. Moore, Jr.

## Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

**BCP, p 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

**Hymn #719**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

*Voluntary*

## Serving Today

**Crucifer** ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Leila Sullivan

**Ushers** ~ Bill Kehr, Gail Jacobsen **Chalice Bearer** ~ Vince Contreras

*Please give special thanks to Stephen Strouse for playing organ for us today*

## Parish Prayer List – September 6, 2026

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**.*

Lara  
Pat  
Rich

Connie  
Warren  
Charles

Dennis  
Ann  
Doug

Debbie  
Judy  
Ellis

Joe  
Meg  
Judy

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|---------|----------|---------|--------------|---------|
| Diane   | Jeannine | Nellie  | Will         | Devin   |
| Rick    | Scotty   | Becka   | Karen        | Roy     |
| Mike    | Shirley  | Ben     | Tim          | Mike    |
| Karen   | Walter   | Kathy   | Johnny       | Matthew |
| James   | Sue      | Joe     | Jack         | Dixie   |
| Mary    | Amy      | Charles | Ellen        | Oliver  |
| Cindy   | Jacob    | Xavier  | Rachel       | Pat     |
| Eleri   | Sherry   | Cynthia | Jo-Anne      | Susie   |
| Connor  | Philip   | Sean    | Ellen        | Eileen  |
| Charles | Kitty    | Greg    | John         | Alan    |
| Rich    | Bruce    | Sydney  | Jean & Keith |         |

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

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

**Birthdays:** Erma Green (09/06), Richard Neff (09/06), Joanne Sencindiver (09/07)  
Arthur Curtin, III (08/12)



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