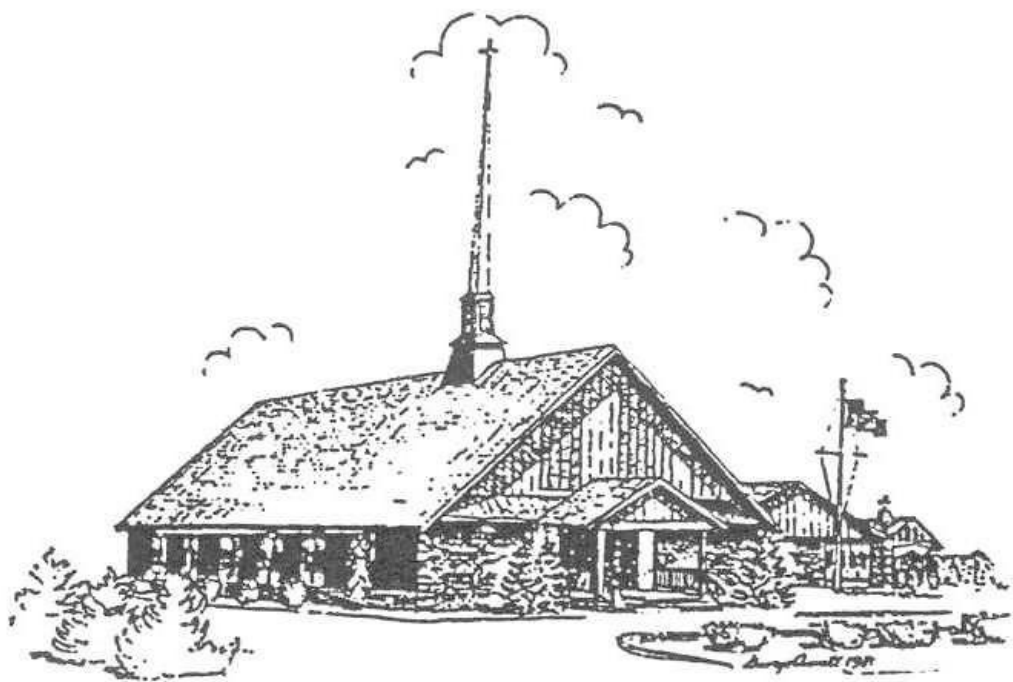


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Second Sunday of Easter



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
27 April, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome! In The Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. **BCP** means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book). You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service!

Parish Notices

Prelude Meditation on *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* Gordon Young
Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #179 *Welcome, Happy Morning* FORTUNATUS

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.*

Song of Praise Hymn #207 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (vv. 1&2) EASTER HYMN

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen. All: Amen.*

The First Lesson (*Please be seated*) Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and

you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:14-29 (*Read in Unison*)

BCP, p. 761

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Epistle

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #209 *(Please Stand)* *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight* ST. BOTOLPH

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

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 *(The people may stand or kneel)***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, Philip 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 In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of
the Indian Ocean. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop;
for Peter our Supply Priest and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation,
especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also
remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, all
caregivers, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous
professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)

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; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, 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. (*Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.*)

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 Peace (*All stand*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (*Please be Seated*) *A Peaceful Alleluia* Schafferman

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 B BCP, p. 367

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. But chiefly are we

bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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*) (*Please Kneel*) *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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

David Hurd

(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

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 #208 *Alleluia! The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* VICTORY

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Postlude *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* Lyndell Leatherman

Serving Today

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

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

Fr. Peter will offer prayers and anointing for healing in the chapel today immediately following the Holy Eucharist for anyone who would like this ministry. Persons can come into the chapel and request healing prayer for themselves or for others.

Parish Prayer List – April 27, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in April. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless you have requested to leave them on. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 30th.**

Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly	Mary Ann Crewdson
Dennis	Connie Anderson	Christian Balint
Christine Hendricks	Barry Longenbach	Warren Lamon
Ann White	Pierro Family	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie	Joe
Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann
Alycia Mullin	Meg Neff	Rob Meyer
Tino	Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman
Pat	Kathy Rice	Jessie
Rich	Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter
Marie Kleber	JoAnn King	Matt Starr
Ellis Barbieri	Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood
Diane	Linda K.	Linda M.
Ray M.	Gia	Jeannine

Phil
Fran Iozzi
Dr. John

Frank
Johnny Johnson, Jr.
Fr. John Powell

Ed McDaniels
Bill Bentley

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Karin R. Mitchell (04/27), John Johnson, Jr. (05/02), Samuel Mitchell (05/03)

Anniversaries: Jeanne & Richard Cashel (04/28)

Altar & Sanctuary Candles: This week's Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given by Jeanne and Richard Cashel in celebration of their anniversary and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 27 – May 3

28 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
01 – Thurs	Bible Study in MH	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
02 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

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