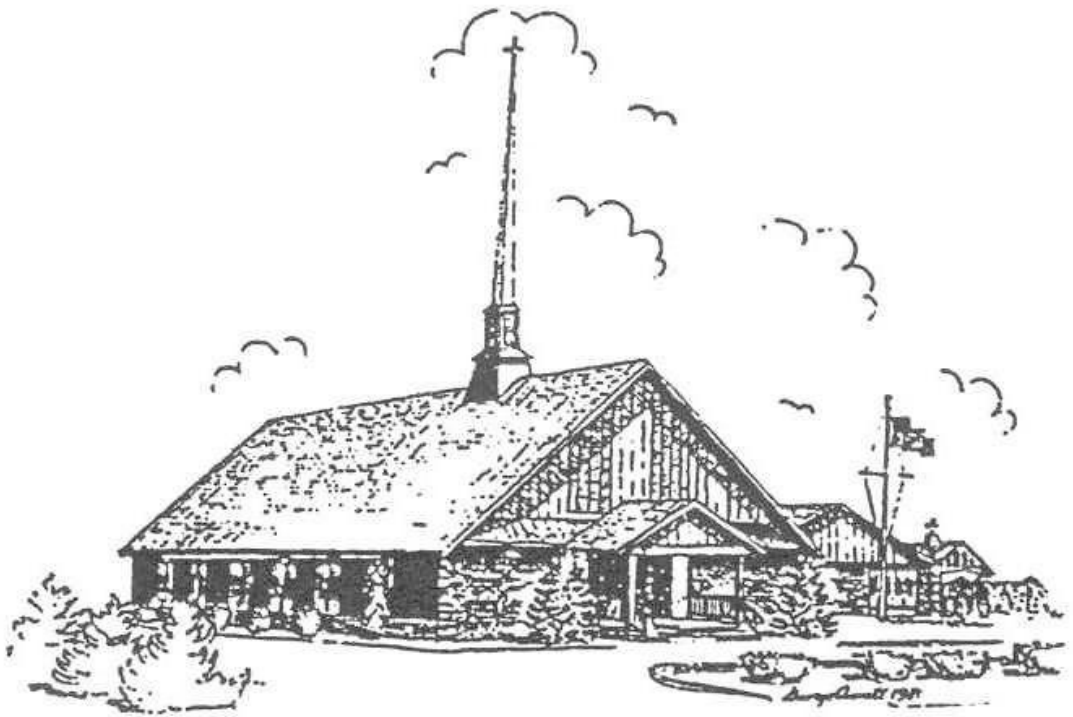


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*  
*03 May, 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 and Anniversaries**

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Entrance Hymn #408** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

*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.*

**Gloria: S-280** (*All sing*) *Glory to God in the Highest*

Robert Powell

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** *(Read in Unison)*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

## The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #457** (*Please stand*) *Thou Art The Way*

ST. JAMES

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*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 his Church.**

*Leader* We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially  
those on our Parish Prayer List: *Laura, Dennis, Joe, Debbie, Joe, Pat, Warren, Ann, Judy,  
Meg, Rich, Charles, Doug, Ellis, Judy, Diane, Jeannie, Frank, Nellie, Will, Devin, Rick,  
Scotty, Don, Gail, Erma, Becka, Bob, Gia, Karen, Roy, Mike, Shirley, Ben, Tim, Karen,  
Walter, Kathy, Johnny, Jr., Matthew, James, Bonnie, Sue, Jack, Dixie, Mary, Pat, Johnny.*  
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 Peace** (*All stand*)

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem**

*In This Holy Place*

Douglas Wagner

**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**

**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 LEVAS #64**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

William G. Fischer

**Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

*Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia.* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude**

*Voluntary*

**Serving Today**

**Crucifer** ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Diane Carter

**Ushers** ~ Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes **Chalice Bearer** ~ Bill Kehr

**Parish Prayer List – May 3, 2026**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**.*

Laura	Dennis	Joe	Debbie	Joe
Pat	Warren	Ann	Judy	Meg
Rich	Charles	Doug	Ellis	Judy
Diane	Jeannie	Frank	Nellie	Will
Devin	Rick	Scotty	Don	Gail
Erma	Becka	Bob	Gia	Karen
Roy	Mike	Shirley	Ben	Tim
Karen	Walter	Kathy	Johnny, Jr.	Matthew
James	Bonnie	Sue	Jack	Dixie
Mary	Pat	Johnny		

Deaths:

Joe McCarter

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:** Paul Bailey  
Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

**Birthdays:** Samuel Mitchell (05/03), John Wall (05/07), Ellen Kehr (05/08)  
Robert J. Meyer (05/09)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 4 – May 9**

04 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
06 – Wed	Tai Chi in Martin Hall	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
	Recycle Mission	4:00 PM
07 – Thurs	Book Study in MH & Zoom	1:30 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
08 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Corsage Making for Manahawkin Nursing Home	10:00 AM
09 – Sat	Barbara Wheeler Reception in MH	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	Funeral Service	3:00 PM



**Do you have religious items in your home (statues, rosary beads, crucifixes, holy cards, medals, framed pictures, etc.) that you no longer need? St. Mary Recycle Mission** in Lancaster, PA has scheduled a pickup date at Holy Innocents'. This organization takes items, repairs them if needed, and finds them new homes! **Please drop off your items at church BEFORE 2pm on Tuesday, May 5.**

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!**

New directories will be available next Sunday. If you have any updates or revisions, please let Lisa know ASAP, so that they can be included. If you are new or have never given us your information for the directory, please email [office@hiecbh.com](mailto:office@hiecbh.com) or complete the information card located in your pew and drop in the collection plate. Thank you!

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