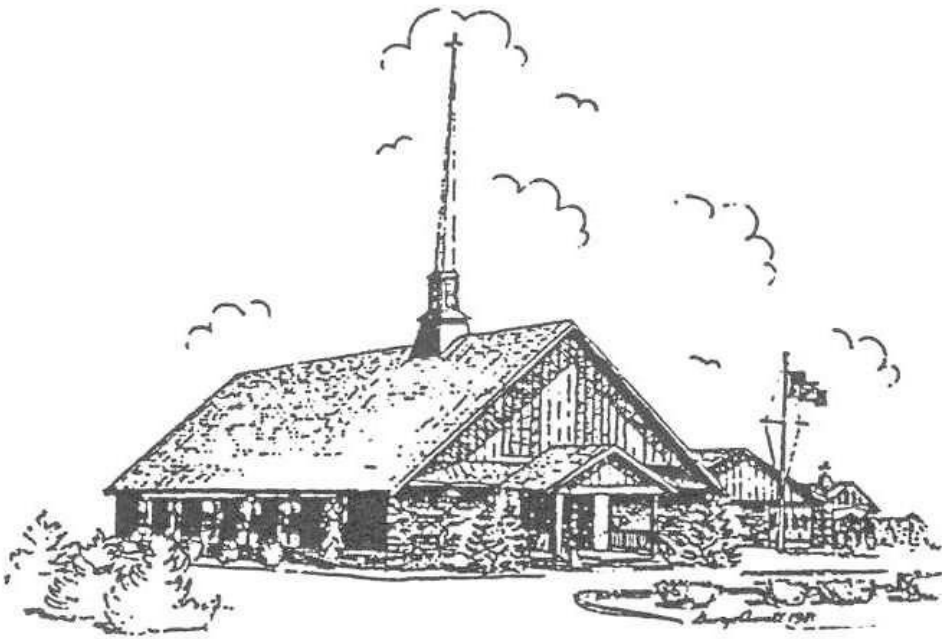


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Proper 15*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*  
*17 August, 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.

## The Parish Notices

### Prelude

*Voluntary*

*Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn #686** (*please stand*) *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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

*People* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. 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

### The Collect of the Day

**BCP, p. 232**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**The Epistle****Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell

after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #574** *(please stand) Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel* ST. PETERSBURG

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-56**

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am

under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

**The Sermon** (*Please be seated*)

**The Rev. Peter De Franco**

**The Apostles' Creed** (*Please Stand*)

**BCP, p. 120**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People:** *Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

*Celebrant* We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to the Church.

*Leader* God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your Son: bless the leaders of your Church, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Peter, our Supply Priest, that they may be firm in faith and humble before you.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding and be open to your word for them.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know your healing in themselves.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those through whom you speak, that they may proclaim your word in power, yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who work in your world today, especially Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald our President. that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you, fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts and those who are powerless in this world's eyes, that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we remember aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*(Leader Pauses)* May they may have comfort and strength for renewal.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless all our partners in mission, especially The Ministry of the Officers of the Diocese in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and in the Anglican Communion,

The Scottish Episcopal Church, that they may have your love and grace as their inspiration.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless all who have died, especially that with them, we may praise you on earth and in heaven.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Let us pray for the Vestry and Search Committee as they search for a new rector.

*People* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the members of our Vestry and Search Committee who shall choose a new rector for Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord of all, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

#### **Confession**

**BCP p. 360**

*All:* **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.**

#### **Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

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*)



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Hymn LEVAS #64** *(please be seated)* *I Love To Tell the Story* William G. Fisher

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

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

**Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching Our Worship)**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***Sanctus S-129*** *(all sing)* *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell

*The Celebrant continues (Please Stand or Kneel)*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*Celebrant and People* **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**

*The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. The congregation observes a time of silence.*

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

David Hurd

**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** *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

**Hymn #376** *(please stand) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**Dismissal**

**BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude**

*Voluntary*

*Following the service today, everyone is welcome to join us in  
Martin Hall for Fellowship Together!*

### **Serving Today**

**Crucifer** ~ John Wall    **Lector** ~ Rob Meyer

**Ushers** ~ Pat Peacock, Kay DeCicco    **Chalice Bearer** ~ Rob Meyer

## WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR August 18– August 22

18 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
19 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	ECW Chapel/Lunch/Meeting	11:30 AM
20 – Wed	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
	Concerts on the Green ~ McLean Ave. Band	7:30 PM
21 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book/Bible Study	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
22 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	



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