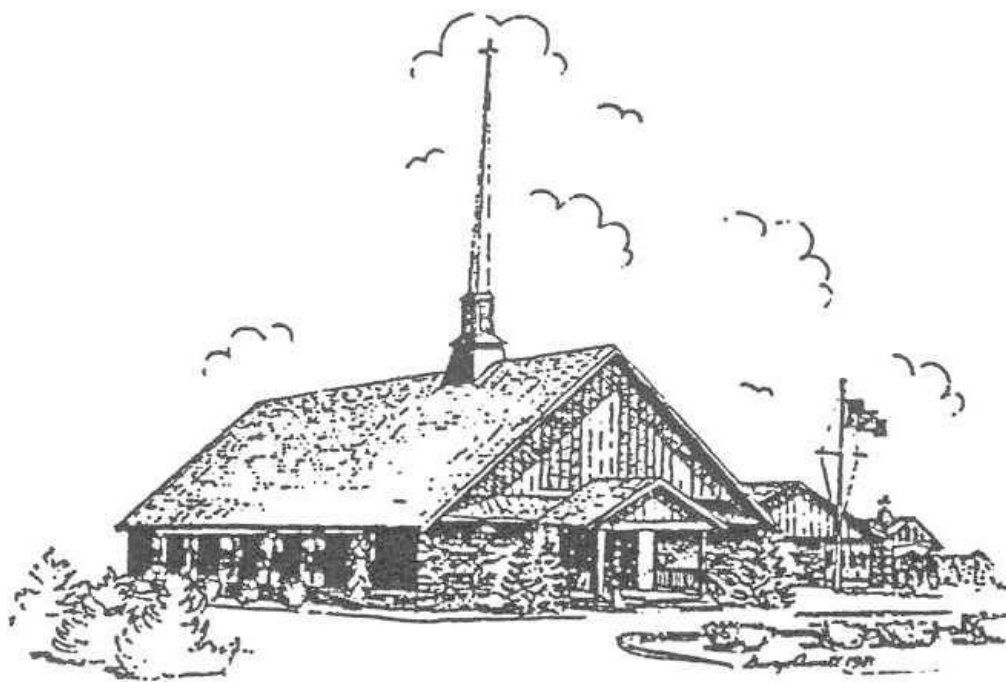


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Fourth Sunday of Easter



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
11 May, 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

Always Remember Me

Richard Blake

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

THE WORD OF GOD

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

HYMN TO JOY

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*) **Gloria in excelsis**

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 225

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson (*Please be seated*)

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without

delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #663 *The Lord My God, My Shepherd Is*

CRIMOND

The Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then

he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #343 (*Please Stand*) *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* ST. AGNES

The Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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 Anglican Church in Japan. 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 *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

Presentation of the Gifts (*All stand*)

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

Eucharistic Prayer 2 (*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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved

over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus S-129 (all sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Robert Powell

The Celebrant continues (Please Kneel)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you,

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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the Mother of God, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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. **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.*)

Music During Communion

LEVAS #201 (*all sing*) *I've Got Peace Like a River* Traditional Spiritual

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

Hymn LEVAS #194 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Doris M. Akers

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude

Sometimes a Light Surprises

William Barnett

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Alexa Fahner

Ushers ~ Mike Fahner, Kay DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

Parish Prayer List – May 11, 2025

If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, May 14th.

Lara Sparks Deitz
Dennis
Christine Hendricks
Pierro Family
Connie
Dcn. Judy
Meg Neff
Florence Lamon
Kathy Rice
Charles Sullivan
JoAnn King
Judy Hamilton
Linda K.
Gia

Joan Connolly
Connie Anderson
Warren Lamon
Lovas Family
Joe
Lynne Weidmann
Rob Meyer
Melanie Harman
Jessie
Doug Hunter
Matt Starr
Cindy Wood
Linda M.
Jeannine

Mary Ann Crewdson
Christian Balint
Ann White
Debbie & Joe Reising
Peg Appleget
Alycia Mullin
Tino
Pat
Rich
Marie Kleber
Ellis Barbieri
Diane
Ray M.
Phil

Frank
Johnny Johnson, Jr.
Fr. John Powell

Ed McDaniels
Bill Bentley
Family & Friends of Barry Longenbach

Fran Iozzi
Dr. John

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Daniel Ackley (05/15), Marge Hall (05/15), Jane Romanowski (05/16)

Anniversaries: Kristen & Marjorie Anderson (05/16)

Altar Flowers: On this Mother's Day the Altar Flowers are given by Gail & Steve Steiner in memory of their mothers, Marion Simeral and Irene Steiner and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 12 – May 16

12 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
13 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
14 – Wed	Sandwich Ministry	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
15 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book Study in MH	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
16 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	



WELCOME BACK to our Ladies Exercise Group! (LEGS)

Eileen Jacobs is back on **Tuesdays & Thursday 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM** in Martin Hall, starting May 13th!



Donate your way.

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

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Bill Kehr

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Larry Peacock

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