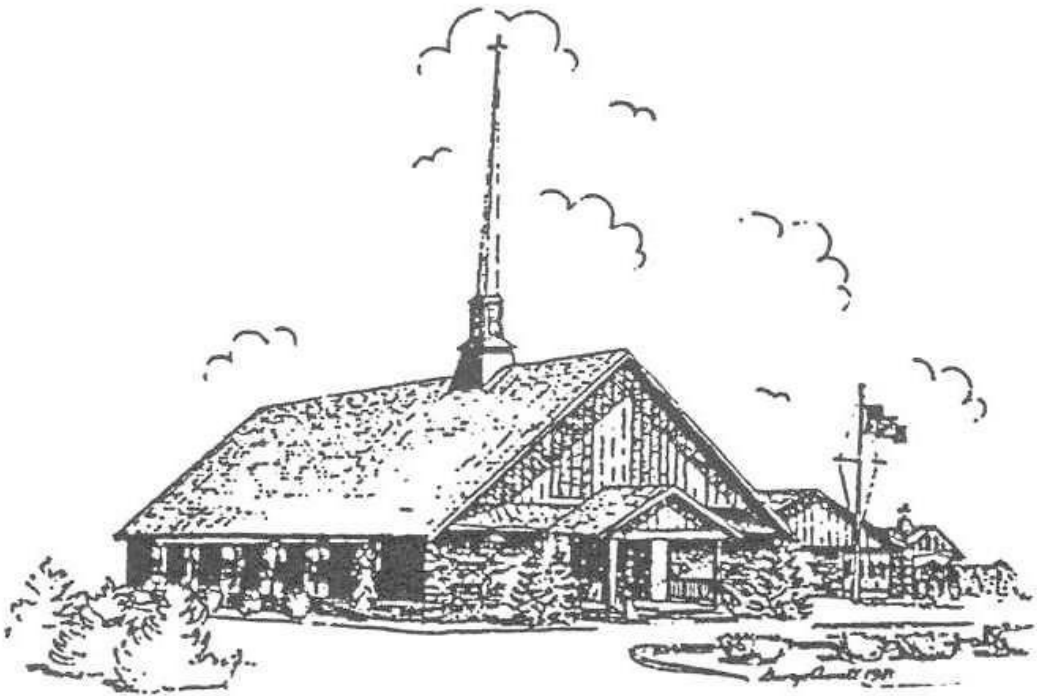


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 28



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents

16 November, 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.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

The Parish Notices

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #596 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father Son and Holy Spirit

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

The Collect for Purity

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 in excelsis S-280 *(All sing)*

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 236

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #679 *Surely it is God Who Saves Me*

THOMAS MERTON

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #482 *(Please stand) Lord of All Hopefulness*

SLANE

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the

days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter De Franco

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 *(Common Worship)*

(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit, looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.

Leader That with the noble fellowship of the prophets we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader That with the glorious company of the apostles we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world, in the company of Sarah, Archbishop of

Cantebury-designate; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Erin, our Newly Called Rector and Peter, our Supply Priest we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader That with the white-robed army of martyrs we may be ready to suffer for the truth's sake, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader That with all who are anointed by your Spirit we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed, remembering especially Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, Mikie our Governor-elect, and Donald our President and all who serve as police officers and fire fighters we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader That with the saints in light we may bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn, and entrust to your care all on our Parish Prayer List we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader That within the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people we may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory, remembering those who have died (*Pause in silence*) we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader In communion with all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God.
People **To you, O Lord, our God.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Confession

BCP p. 360

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 Anthem *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

John A. Behnke

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

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,

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

Celebrant 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

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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

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

Music at Communion

Hymn #325 *(all sing)* Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

LET US BREAK BREAD

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn LEVAS #99

On Christ the Solid Rock

William B. Bradbury

Postlude

*Voluntary**Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship!***Serving Today****Crucifer** ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Bill Kehr**Ushers** ~ Sue Hughes, Melissa Wall **Chalice Bearer** ~ Bill Kehr**Birthdays:** Clifford Wymbs (11/17), Johnny Dondero (11/18), Richie Southwick (11/20)**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR November 17 – November 21**

17 – Mon	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
18 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group <i>(Last Class)</i>	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
19 – Wed	Tai Chi Classes in MH	9:30 AM
	Choir Rehearsal/Lunch	11:30 AM- 2:30 PM
	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
20 – Thurs	Book/Bible Study	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
21 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
22 – Sat	242 nd Diocesan Convention @ Christ Church in TR	9:00 AM
	<i>(Delegates attend)</i>	

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

The church is organizing a Christmas Shoe Box event for the children of All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakewood. Ruth McLaughlin purchased 30 plastic shoe boxes and they are available in the Parish Hall, along with a list of possible little gifts. Ages of children range from toddlers to 18 with more boys than girls. Boxes will be collected on December 7th.

THE GIVING TREE~This year, we will support eight 7 families with 15 children varying in age, benefiting the Children's Home Society.



Directions:

1. Select a Tag
2. Match the color to the family
3. Match the child's name on your tag to sign up sheet
4. Match the number under the child's name & put your name and phone number
5. Buy Gift- Please tape the tag you choose to the gift- **Do not wrap gift**
6. Gifts need to be returned to church no later than **December 14th**

Rolls of gift wrap are appreciated

Thank you!! Any questions, call or text Maggie 609-709-6133



ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY Please bring non-perishable food items to church and drop them in the Narthex. They will be delivered to St. Francis Food Pantry. **Food Drive begins November 16th** and will continue until **Sunday, December 14th**

TAI CHI CLASSES

Holy Innocents' will be offering Tai Chi classes in Martin Hall, Wednesday's at 9:30 am, ***(except the 2nd Wednesday of the month, class will be at 11:00 am, as to not interfere with the Sandwich Ministry)***. Tai Chi is slow, gentle body movements to enhance mind, body and spirit and it is great for balance. For more information, please contact the church office at 609-492-7571

ALL MINISTRY AREA REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th

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