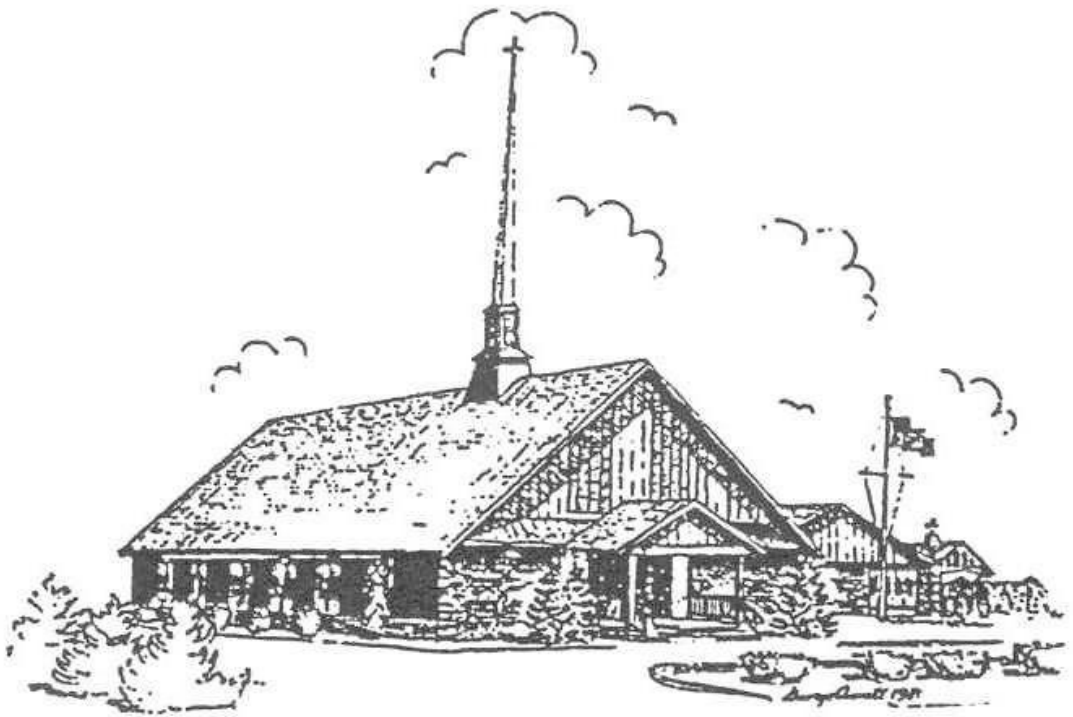


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
10 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

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #705 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us Pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson *(Please be seated)*

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully

at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18 (*Read in unison*)

BCP, p. 674

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and

made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #577 *(Please Stand) God is Love, and Where True Love is* MURRAY

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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 God's 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, Joe, Jack, Dixie, Mary, Jean.

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

Bless Us Now This Day

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)*

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

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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

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 #325 *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* LET US BREAK BREAD

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 #292 *O Jesus Crowned with All Renown*

KINGSFOLD

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** ~ *Alexa Fahner*

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

Parish Prayer List – May 10, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, May 13th**.*

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	Joe	Jack
Dixie	Mary	Johnny	Jean	

Deaths:

The Rev. Charles Noss Arlin

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: George Waldner (05/12), Daniel Ackley (05/15), Jane Romanowski (05/16)

Anniversaries: Kristen & Marjorie Anderson (05/16)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 11 – May 15

11 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
12 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
13 – Wed	Carpool to Whitesbog Historic Village Tour (10:30)	9:00 AM
	Sandwich Ministry	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
	Tai Chi in Martin Hall	11:00 AM – 12:00 AM
14 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book Study in MH & Zoom	1:30 PM
	BHCAP Meeting	4:30 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
15 – 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 Tuesday, May 12th!



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