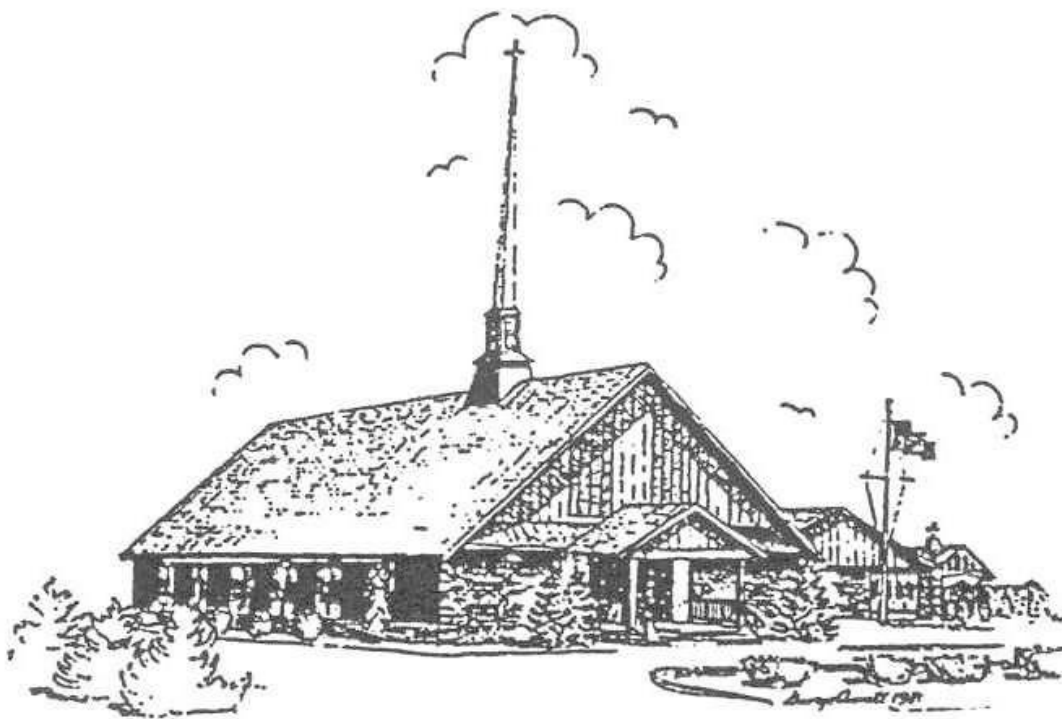


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Fourth Sunday of Easter



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
26 April, 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 #535 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* PADERBORN

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.

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 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #664 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #343 *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

ST. AGNES

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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)*

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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)*

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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, Joe, Jack.* 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

My Savior

Don Besig

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

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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

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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 LEVAS #201 *(All sing) I've Got Peace Like a River*

SPIRITUAL

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

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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 #129 *I Am Thine, O Lord* (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

William H. Doan

Dismissal

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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** ~ Leila Sullivan

Ushers ~ Mike De Cicco, Kay DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Leila Sullivan

Parish Prayer List – April 26, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 29th**.*

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

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

Birthdays: Hank Henninger (04/26), Rev. Karin Mitchell (04/27), John Johnson, Jr. (05/02)

Anniversaries: Jeanne & Rich Cashel (04/28)

Altar Flowers: This week’s Altar Flowers are given as follows:

By Jeanne and Richard Cashel in celebration of their anniversary and to the Glory of God.

By Cindy Longenbach in memory of Barry Longenbach and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 27 – May 2

27 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
29 – Wed	Tai Chi in Martin Hall	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
30 – Thurs	Book Study in MH & Zoom	1:30 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
01 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
02 – Sat	Concert ~ Stay As Long As You Like with <i>Six of One</i>	4:00 PM

EARTH WEEK

Join us for a Creation Care Beach Bible Study at the Pearl Street beach entrance
TODAY at NOON.

Mother Erin's Contact Information

Phone: 609-467-8742

Email: rector@hiecbh.com (*Note new email!!*)

Please reach out for pastoral needs or other questions.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!

New directories will be available on Sunday, May 10th. 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 or complete the information card located in your pew and drop in the collection plate. Thank you!



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Stay As Long As You Like with *Six Of One*

featuring

American Tune by Paul Simon | *Time in a Bottle* by Jim Croce
With a Little Help from My Friends by Lennon and McCartney
as well as original pieces by the performers & an audience sing-a-long.

Saturday, May 2 at 4PM

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free will offering ~ reception to follow

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