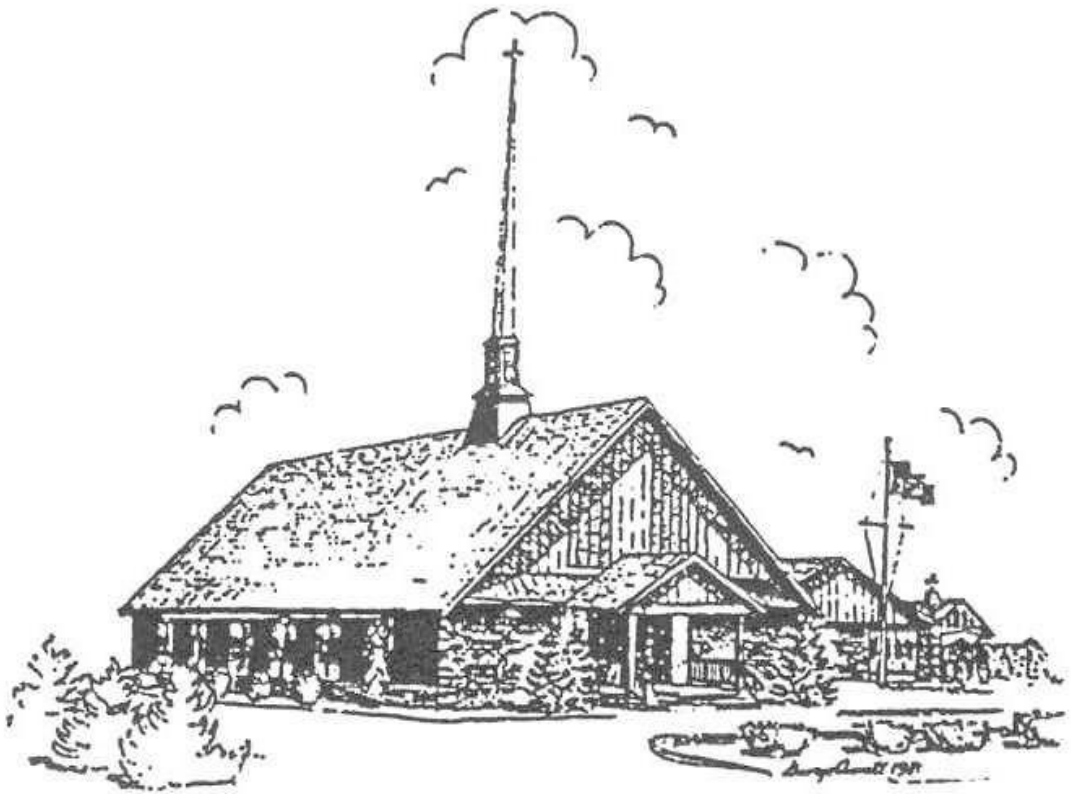


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
27 September, 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 #145 (LEVAS) *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!* George C. Stebbins

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

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

Song of Praise #245 (LEVAS) *(All sing) We Have Come Into His House* Bruce Ballinger

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson *(Please be seated)*

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no

water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #205 (LEVAS) *Trust and Obey* (vv. 1,2&5)

D.H. Towner

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of

righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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: *The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)*

(Please remain standing)

Celebrant Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”
Trusting in God’s abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the
church, the world, and all creation.

Silence

Leader Gracious God, you have made room for us in your household. Inspire
your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the
resources you have entrusted us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service
of your mission

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and
compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to
extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your
gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent and
treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Leader God of creation, you have made a world with room for all living things.
Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Leader God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. We pray
for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially those on our
Parish Prayer List: : *Lara, Connie, Dennis, Debbie, Joe, Pat, Joe, Warren, Ann, Judy,*

Meg, Rich, Charles, Doug, Ellis, Judy, Jeannine, Nellie, Will, Devin, Rick, Scotty, Becka, Karen, Roy, Shirley, Ben, Tim, Karen, Walter, Kathy, Johnny, Matthew, Jack, Dixie, Mary, Amy, Ellen, Oliver, Jacob, Rachel, Sherry, Cynthia, Jo-Anne, Susie, Connor, Phillip, Sean, Ellen, Eileen, Charles, Kitty, Greg, John, Alan, Bruce, Allie, Rich, Jennie, Bill, Ken, Bill, Andrew, Dan. 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.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Leader God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, especially all those we name now, either silently or aloud. We pray for all those grieving the loss of those they love.

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Celebrant Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant and People **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.***

The Absolution

Celebrant 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)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements *(Please be seated)*

Stewardship Testimonial: Alexa Fahner

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Choral Anthem*

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 A

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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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 LEVAS #255 *(All sing)* *Holy, Holy, Holy* Grayson Warren Brown

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our

human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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 #151 *(All sing) One Bread, One Body*

John B. Foley, SJ

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

Hymn #690 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Voluntary

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Kay DeCicco

Ushers ~ Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes **Chalice Bearer** ~ Leila Sullivan

This is the Fourth Sunday of the month; Mother Erin will offer prayers and anointing for healing in the chapel immediately after the service for anyone who would like this ministry. Persons can come into the chapel and request healing prayer for themselves or for others



In My Father's House

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places” (John 14:2). This promise of abundance and welcome lies at the heart of this year’s Stewardship campaign.

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing how we are called to share our resources and nurture our relationships. Now is the time for our response: we have enjoyed a beautiful summer on our treasured island and Stewardship is our faithful reply to God’s generosity.

Pledge cards have been sent to you by mail. They are also available in the church. You can also pledge online by scanning the QR Code below. I invite you to prayerfully consider your response and return your pledge for 2027 by **Sunday, October 25**. Also, please join us at our 9:30am service that morning for our annual Blessing of the Pledges, and a special brunch to celebrate at coffee hour.

Every gift matters. Your commitment sustains our worship, our learning, our fellowship and our outreach to those in need. This is not only an appeal for funds – it is an invitation to participate in our church’s ministry, to claim your place in God’s household, to make room for others and to live in God’s abundance. When we respond together, we become the church God is calling us to be: a community that will occupy those rooms in our Father’s House.

With gratitude,
Leila González Sullivan
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