

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023 10:00 a.m. The Congregation Gathers

Prelude No.11 in B minor (from 60 Devotional Pieces) by Dom Paul Benoit (1893-1979)

The Tolling of the Bell



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. People



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Foolish God, shaming the strong through the weakness of love; turning upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward through Jesus Christ, the power of God. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

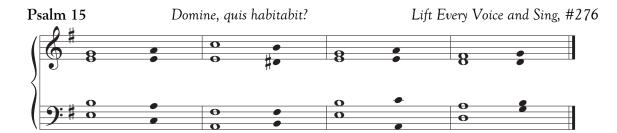
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



- O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle?* who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is **right**,* who speak the truth from their **heart**.
- 3 There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to their friends;* they do not heap contempt upon their neighbor.
- 4 In their sight the wicked is re-jected,* but they honor those who fear God.
- 5 They have sworn to do no wrong* and do not take back their word.
- 6 They do not give their money in hope of gain,* nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.
- +7 Those who do these things* shall never be over thrown.

The Second Reading

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

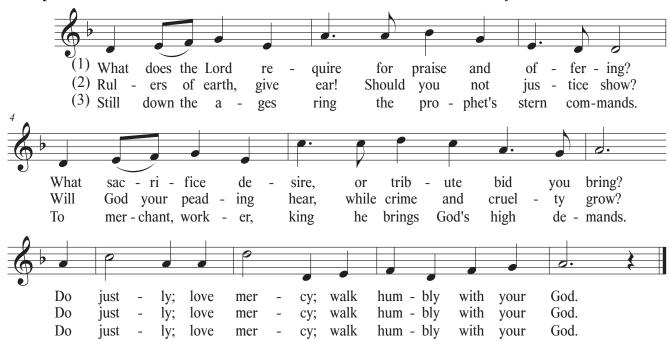
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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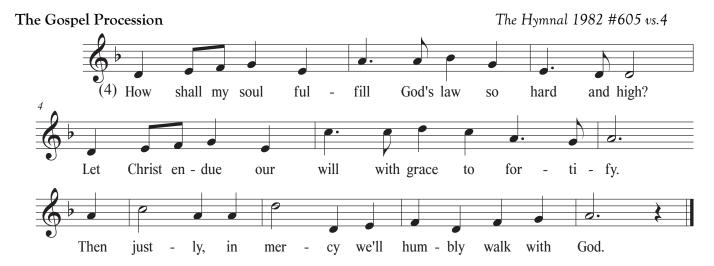
The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

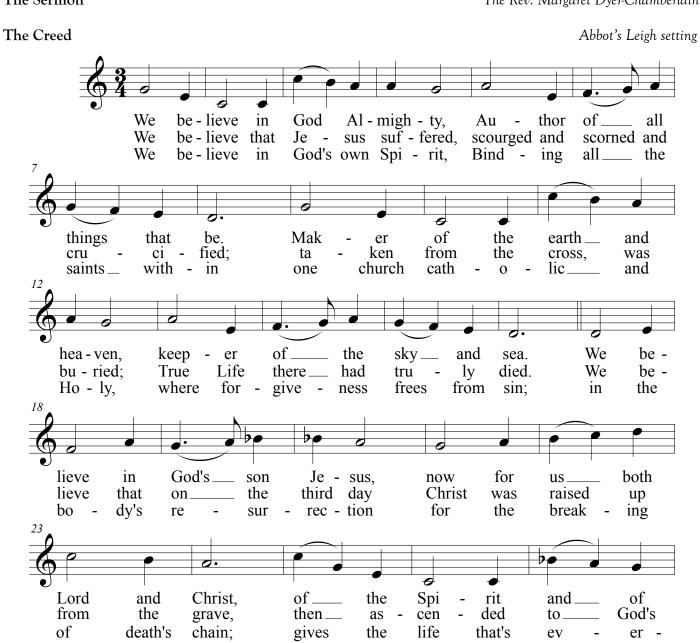
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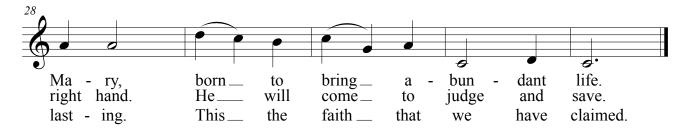
The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon

The Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain





Prayers of the People

During the pause after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Deacon / Celebrant

Let us pray for the church and the world.

Leader

Shine in your Church, O God; embolden us in a dark world to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love. (*The intercessor pauses for the congregation to add prayers*).

This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine on your world, O God; hear the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth and give us peace at last. (*The intercessor pauses for the congregation to add prayers*).

This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family as we clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. (*The intercessor pauses for the congregation to add prayers*).

This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine in our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep into our souls to seek you, to find you, and to know you. (*The intercessor pauses for the congregation to add prayers*).

This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine for the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear all our sorrows. (*The intercessor pauses for the congregation to add prayers*).

This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine in the saints and the departed, O God; teach us to follow their lead to steadfast faith and eternal love. (The intercessor pauses for the congregation to add prayers).

This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Celebrant

O God, who sent your son Jesus to us as the light of the world, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season and help us to follow Jesus as children of the light. Glory to you for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

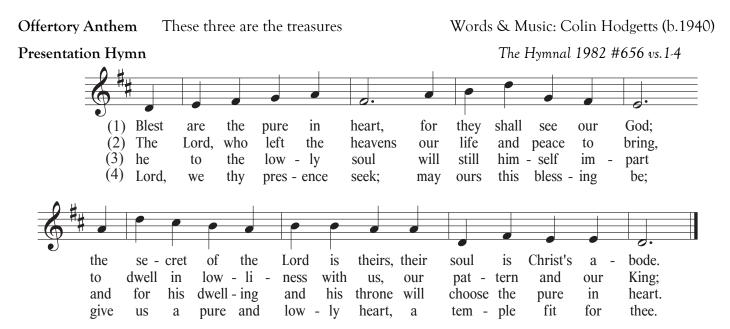
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table



The Great Thanksgiving



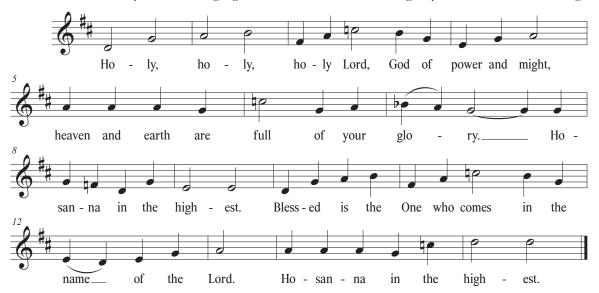
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs free through all the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul.

In your grace your Word is made known to every people, calling forth the best they have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:



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 Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Loving God:

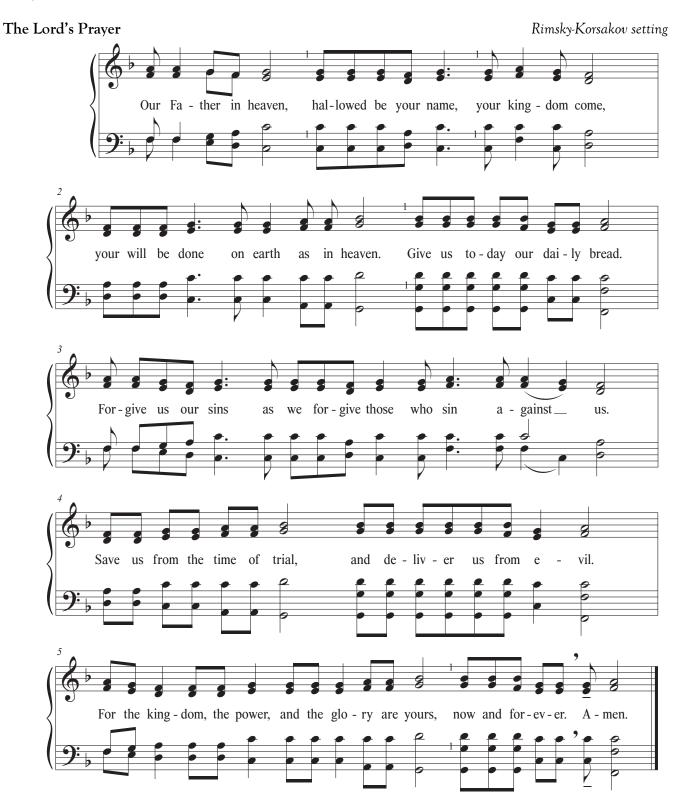
We remember your death, O Christ, We proclaim your resurrection, We await your coming in glory.

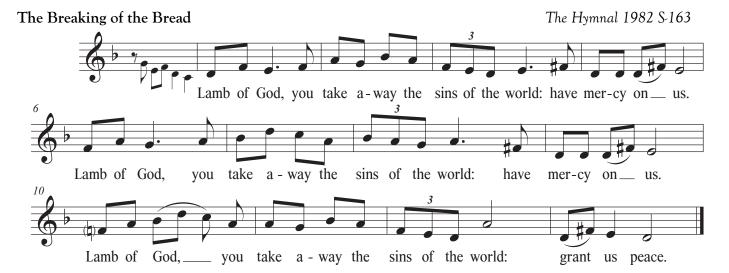
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 Blessed Mary, the Blessed Holy Innocents, Blessed Francis, Blessed Clare, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*





Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

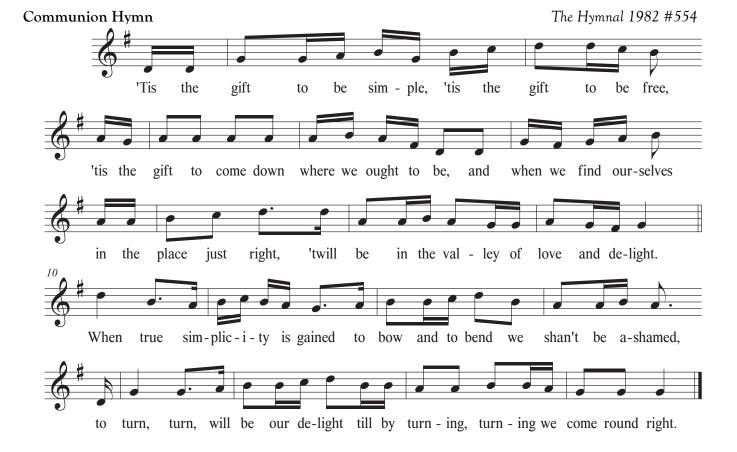
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

Healing Prayer

During this time people are also invited to participate in Healing Prayer in the Mary Chapel, at the back of the nave. All are invited to participate in the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for someone else.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshiping with us online:

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People Lord of the wedding feast, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of

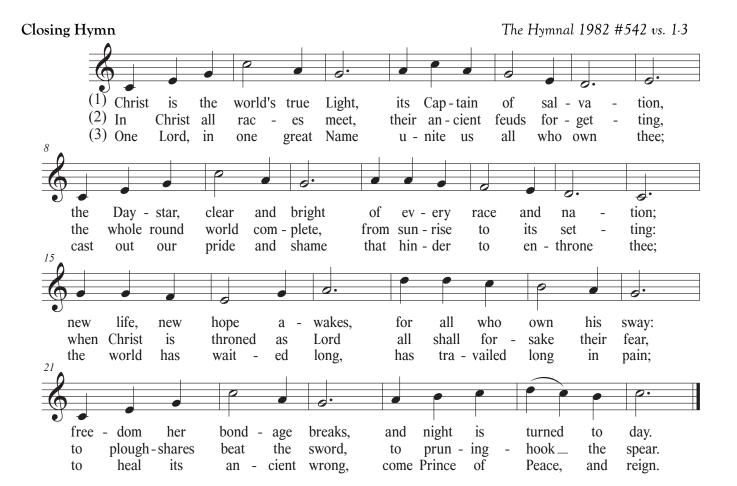
your life: in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift,

the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.

Community Blessings

Epiphany Blessing

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies; may Christ, who enters the water of baptism, lead us to die to all but love; may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Word Incarnate, and the Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you and those you love always. *Amen.*



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie on Rathbun (In the cross of Christ I glory)

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SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY

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The Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, Deacon & Preacher
Bill Keck, Director of Music
Davey Gerhard, M.C./Crucifer
Richard Mullen, Acolyte
William Hall, 1st Reader
Tom Logan, 2nd Reader
John Quarterman, Prayers of the People
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Scorers, Children's Sermon
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Innocents Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 5, 2023 after a combined 10 am service (family style).

Holy Innocents Stewardship Campaign Thank you for all you do for the Holy Innocents Community! Your gifts help us live out our mission and ministry in our neighborhood and throughout the world. You are invited to make your pledge of time, talent, and treasure for the 2023 fiscal year during our pledge campaign season - October 9 - October 30. Don't worry if you have not yet sent in your pledge card. You may still do so!

To participate in this year's campaign, please visit our Stewardship web page at https://holyinsf.org/giving You may also complete a pledge card located at the back of the church and place it in the plate. However you make your gift this year, please know that your work is appreciated and needed."

Healing Service

We have resumed having a service of healing at the Mary Chapel during communion on Sundays. All are invited to participate (in whatever manner is comfortable for you) in the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for someone else in.

Save the date: Feast Day of Absalom Jones

February 11, 2023 11:00 a.m. PST

Theme: Repairing Dignity: Seeking Wholeness

St. Paul Episcopal Church 114 Montecito Oakland, CA

The Right Rev. Deon Kevin Johnson, 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, Preacher

Open Cathedral - potluck and sandwich making date: February 15, 6:00 pm.

Thanks to everyone who has been part of this ministry. Reach out to Rita Lin or Fabienne Blanc if you are interested in taking part in this ministry. We would like to commit to providing meals once a month, and do have some funds if you would like to help but want reimbursement for the cost of the meals.

Help Habitat Greater San Francisco spread the news about a new program for our neighbors

Since we are loyal volunteers at the Amber Drive Site, our Habitat friends have asked for our help in spreading the word about a valuable service now available to low-income homeowners residing in the Visitacion Valley neighborhood of San Francisco. A recent grant allows residents with fixed incomes to receive help with low-cost critical repairs so they can keep their homes and age in place. The "ask" is for us to walk with Habitat staff while performing the important outreach task of hanging information on doors in the neighborhood. We'll have the chance to get to know our Habitat friends better and also to discover the vibrancy of this family-oriented, working class neighborhood.

Date and time: Saturday, February 25, 2023, noon - 4 pm, volunteers must be 14 years of age

There will be snacks! And we can arrange carpooling also.

Please contact Deacon Margaret if you are interested in joining, <u>mdyerc@stanford.edu</u>.

Interfaith Winter Shelter Volunteering in March 2023

Are you interested in volunteering for the Interfaith Winter Shelter this season? Holy Innocents is signed up to prepare and serve meals **Sunday, March 5th** at Canon Kip Senior Center (705 Natoma

Street). We need to prepare meals offsite for 30 guests plus 3 staff, and then be there at 5 pm to serve them.

If you are interested in participating, please let Sarah Klapec know at sklapec@yahoo.com or via text at 415-672-4298. We can then discuss what we want to prepare and who will do what. If you are just able to cook but not serve, or just able to serve but not cook, just let Sarah know, and she will coordinate accordingly!

If this date doesn't work for you or if you want to volunteer for more days, there are weekdays we can sign up! Just let her know your interest and your weekday availability. There are different locations depending on the date but we do need to be ready to serve at 5 pm.

Emergency Flood Relief for Haji Muhammad Sharif Village in Pakistan Claire Quarterman's best friend is trying to raise money for the victims of a flood in Pakistan. Her friend's father lives in the town. Here is the link where one can

donate: https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/emergency flood relief for haji muhammad shari-fivellage-in-pakistan#!/

San Francisco Deanery

Holy Innocents has an opportunity for a parishioner to serve as a lay delegate to the San Francisco Deanery for the Diocese of California. There is also one alternate delegate position open. The Diocese is organized into six deaneries, or jurisdictions, and the SF Deanery is one of them. It has lay and clergy representatives from each of the 16 Episcopal churches in San Francisco and holds four meetings a year in February, May, September, and November-on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 (meetings next year will likely be hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings). The purpose of the Deanery is to allow for better communication across congregations and with Diocesan leadership; typical meetings include presentations and discussions of key issues in the Diocese, and provide the opportunity to learn a lot more about how our Diocese works. Lay delegates also attend the Annual Convention in October and vote on resolutions and nominees for various Diocesan positions. In 2023, there will also be a special December convention to elect the new Bishop, so next year is a big year for the Deanery delegates! If you're interested, talk to Miriam Keil, Senior Warden. If you want more information about what's involved, talk to Richard Mills, who has been a delegate for the last 4 years.

Due to privacy concerns, we have removed personal email addresses from our newsletters and bulletins. When we list a person as a contact, please use our membership directory. This directory requires that a person be in the directory in order to retrieve contact information. If you need to be added to the directory, please send your request to support@holvinsf.org.

Wednesday Potluck

Come join us for a shared meal and good conversation in the parish hall every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Bring a dish and/or beverage to share. A reminder that when there is an Open Cathedral volunteer event happening, we will gather at 6:00 pm for sandwich making and food assembling . Contact Stephen or Cynthia Walker for questions or more information.

Hospitality: We have begun having a small **coffee hour** after the service, you can sign up to contribute on the rota sign up link.

Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed: No specific skills required, just a willingness to learn and a general comfort with technology. We will provide all the training you need.

Morning Prayer (via Zoom) continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please reach out to Sue Fandel if you'd like the link.

To add an announcement to the weekly newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin, please send your text (ready to paste) no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@holyinsf.org.

Staying Connected!

You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF. If you would like to receive our congregational emails, email office@holyinsf.org

HOLY INNOCENTS PRAYER LIST

* to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please contact the church office at office@holyinsf.org

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bill D.; Bill (Cynthia's brother); ; Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Christopher (Beth's friend); Darlene (Judith's friend); Diana (Anne's niece); Diane B. (Sarah B's friend); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne's cousins); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Joan (Alison's sister); Joel & Sam; John (Davey's father); John M. (Sam's friend); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lina (Fabienne's friend); Linda (Cary's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Mary (Allison's mother); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Seth and his family; Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thomas F.; Virginia Gassner; Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Ann Bogatinoff (congregation member); Bucky Mills (Richard's dad); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Helen Brenzel (Seth's mom) Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

The Leadership of Holy Innocents

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