



Holy Family Episcopal Church

Easter Day
March 31, 2024

Welcome!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, you can fill out a Guest Information Card and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy: cards may be found on clipboards throughout the building. We'll get information to you as soon as possible. Thank you for being part of the community this morning! Happy Easter! He is Risen!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer (red hardback book); those marked Hymnal refer to hymns in The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked Gather refer to hymns in the songbook Gather (blue paperback book).

You are invited to check in on social media.

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Entrance Hymn *Hail Thee Festival Day (v. 1,2,3,4)* **H 175**

The Word of God

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. **Amen.**

Gloria

Gather 97

Music can be found inside the front cover of Gather.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of

the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the LORD's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being

saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (v.1,2,3) H 208

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We remember all expecting babies, especially Ronnie and Sarah, Graycen and William, Emma and Jeff.

Silence - the People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - the People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Confession is omitted on Easter.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Up From the Grave* *Hamilton*

Doxology *Hymnal 380 (v. 3)*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*
BCP 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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, the Celebrant proceeds

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 *Gather 101*

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 [_____ and] 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. **AMEN.**

The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.

The Lord's Prayer *BCP 364*
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
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation
All persons are welcome to receive communion. If you wish only a blessing, please so indicate to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. A gluten free option is available for those who need it, simply let the priest know at the time you are to receive the bread.

Communion *I Danced in the Morning* **G 297**

Post-communion Prayer
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.

The Blessing
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn The Day of Resurrection **H 210**

The Dismissal
Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Welcome to Holy Family!](#) If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.



You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

[Easter Egg Hunt:](#) The Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the parish hall following the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday for children in 4th grade and younger. Please bring a basket or bag to take home candy and treats from the Easter eggs. Thank you for your generosity in helping continue this tradition for Holy Family's children and visitors!

Easter Flower Donations: Envelopes are available on the welcome desk for those who wish to contribute to the Easter flower fund. You may also select Easter flowers on the dropdown menu on the church website.

Book Club : April Meeting & Survey: For the month of April, Reading the World book group will meet on Friday, April 19th at 3 PM. This is a switch from the usual Wednesday meeting. The book for the month is Daina Chaviano's Island of Eternal Love, a story about the power of story, about the ways cultural connections change lives, and about (you guessed it) the power of love. Don't forget: please fill out this survey at tinyurl.com/HFECBookSurvey to help determine a more broadly accessible meeting time for Reading the World. Questions can be directed to Cathy Gray via the church office. admin@hfec.org

Earth Day Event: On Sunday, April 21st, Holy Family will host an intergenerational event in honor of Earth Day. You are invited to gather at Holy Family at 1 PM that day for a walk on the Nickel Plate trail, interspersed with prayers and poems. After the walk, an Earth Day themed craft and snack will be offered for those who wish to participate. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/HFECearth2024 so that enough supplies can be prepared.

Please contact Ruth Everett youthministry@hfec.org or Jolene Johnston jjohnston@hfec.org for more information.

Support for Kairos Ministry: Holy Family members Stephen Canter, Scott Wilson, and Andy Wilson will be spending time with inmates at the Pendleton Correctional Facility leading the Kairos program on April 25-28, 2024. This program focuses on sharing God's love, listening to the inmates, building up their spirits with love, helping them build and maintain a Christian ministry inside the walls, then successfully reenter the "outside world" after serving their sentences. Here are some ways that you can support this ministry:

- Sign up to pray for Kairos participants. *Be sure to update your time zone before choosing a time to pray.*
- Decorate a placemat or poster at church with messages of love and support. Supplies are available during hospitality time.
- Purchase approved snacks online for the event. *Please bring approved snacks to church by April 20th.*
- Make a financial donation. Each weekend costs about \$3500 to host, and each team member is asked to contribute at least \$350. You can write a check to Scott Wilson or send funds through Venmo, PayPal, etc. Kairos is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Please email the church office for Scott's donation information. admin@hfec.org

- Attend the closing ceremony from 12-3 PM on Sunday, April 28th at the Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton. *You must be preregistered to attend, so please notify the church office by April 20th.*

WORSHIP

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family has a weekly podcast that focuses on the Bible readings for each week. New podcasts will be released at: podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/holy-family-episcopal-chu each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

Prayer Group Meeting: Holy Family Prayer Group meets from 6:30 – 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next gathering is March 11th. All are welcome to come and join in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Music & Meditation: April is dedicated to listening to music with a message - Welcome the Stranger. These selections come from outside of any spiritual tradition and are a reminder that important messages can come from places that are the least expected. Selections will include music from Gorillaz, Radiohead, Bob Dylan, and Andrew Bird. You are encouraged to bring your own comfy chair, blanket, or bean bag on Sunday, April 7th at 7 PM. All are welcome! Questions may be directed to Joel Bruns via the church office. admin@hfec.org

Summer Mission Trip to Philadelphia: Holy Family youth are invited to participate in a weeklong service trip alongside the diocesan youth, from Sunday, July 7 to Sunday, July 14, 2024. The activities planned for the week encompass a blend of social and physical engagements, providing opportunities to immerse in the vibrant culture of Philadelphia. For further details and the registration link, please click [HERE](#). Limited scholarships are available through the diocese (contact Heather Kenison, Diocesan Youth Minister, at heather@indydio.org) and Holy Family (contact Fr. Bruce Gray at bgray@hfec.org). For additional inquiries and to confirm attendance, please reach out to Ruth Everett, Holy Family Youth Director. youthministry@hfec.org

OUTREACH

Children, Food, and Education: They quite naturally go together! Now that kids and teachers are back in the classroom, the snack supplies are being nibbled down daily, so the Support a Teacher and Staff team is asking for help in filling up the snack box to feed the bellies and brains of kids at Fishers Elementary. Thanks to all who have (and will) donate to this special outreach!

Missionaries of Charity Donations: Holy Family is collecting needed items to support women at the Missionaries of Charity shelter in Indianapolis. Items may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex. The following items are requested: twin bed sheets (any color), white washcloths/hand towels/towels, women's underwear and sleepwear (all sizes), toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap bars, and deodorant.

Food Pantry Donations: In support of the Delaware Township Food Pantry, Holy Family parishioners are invited to donate canned goods, oats, snacks, tomato sauce, jello mix, canned fruit, sugar, oil, flour, crackers, dried beans, crunchy peanut butter, beef stew, minute rice, canned pasta, and corn bread mix. For a list of items that the food pantry especially needs, visit: tinyurl.com/HFECfoodpantry. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the church lobby during Sunday worship hours.

MINISTRY GATHERINGS

Annual Meeting Video and Documents: If you were not able to attend the 2024 Holy Family Annual Meeting, you may view the video here: tinyurl.com/HFECAnnual2024.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to anyone who has the skills or desire to knit or crochet. Additional hands are always needed, and teachers are available! Prayer Shawls begin with the shawl maker saying prayers for the recipient. Prayers are continued during the creation of the shawl and shawls are blessed by the priest before they are given as gifts. Meetings are held in the Narthex of Holy Family at 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be March 11th. Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

What's the Vestry Up To? February Edition: The new 2024 Vestry met on February 21st. Wins for this past month include a successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, good turnout for the Bishop's visit and reception, five people confirmed during the Bishop's visit, and a sold out Trivia Night! The Vestry is working on assigning the various ministries in the church to each Vestry member to increase communication and contribute to the success of our many existing projects. Parishioners looking for a spot to plug in should talk to any Vestry member, and they'd be happy to help! The new Senior Warden, Gary Snyder, has reached out to the Diocese to initiate our 2024 Mutual Ministry review which is recommended by the Diocese for parishes to complete every two years. It involves a consultant coming and talking with the Vestry and the Rector to assess how we're progressing in our ministry together. The Vestry wants to be sure to continue to utilize this tool every two years going forward.

FELLOWSHIP

Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is Friday, April 5th at 7 PM. Feel free to bring games you are interested in playing. Please contact Fred Naatz through the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org See you then!

Hospitality Hosts Wanted: Following the 10 AM service each week, you are invited to gather in the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship. Hospitality hosts are needed to lead this important ministry! Holy Family provides paper goods and coffee. Hospitality hosts are responsible for providing/ serving snacks and cold drinks, making and serving coffee, and cleaning up. Questions about hospitality hosts may be directed to Mel Bohlander via the church office. admin@hfec.org

OTHER NEWS

Stewardship Drive Continues: The Vestry reminds everyone that Holy Family is asking people to plan their giving to support the parish budget for 2024. Pledge packets and additional Pledge Cards are available in the lobby by the Sunday bulletins. Questions can be directed to Fr. Bruce/any Vestry member or visit the Stewardship webpage. bgray@hfec.org

Holy Family Financials Through February 29

Income \$56,287.29

Expenses \$48,73608

Fr. Bruce Continues to be Available for Visitations: Whether there is a particular crisis, another need, or if you would simply like a one-on-one conversation with Fr. Bruce, please contact him on his cell (317-363-6412) or email (bgray@hfec.org) and he will respond ASAP. He visits people in their hospital rooms, homes, coffee houses, Holy Family, and miscellaneous other locations. One of a priest's greatest joys is getting to better know each parishioner. Father Bruce is also in the church office most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - Noon.

Upcoming Events:

Easter Brunch: March 31st 9 AM

Easter Egg Hunt: March 31st 11:30 AM

Game Night: April 5th 7 PM

Music & Meditation: April 7th 7 PM

Prayer Group: April 8th 6:30-7 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry: April 8th 7 PM

Book Club: April 19th 3 PM via Zoom

Earth Day Event: April 21st 1-2 PM

Flower Sale & Spring Market: May 11th 9 AM - 3 PM

Indy Pride: June 8th

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: Rev. Bruce Gray

Homily: Rev. Bruce Gray

Music Director: Bethany Paden

Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas

Greeter:

Ushers: Larry Pickens

Readers: Betty Bogeman, David Emerson, Joel Bruns,
Sharon Naatz

Prayers: Kay Mulhall, Sophia Paden

Acolytes: Ellie Tannas, Evelyn Asmus, Isabella Asmus

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Ruth Everett, Carol Bruns

LEV: Stephen Canter

Bread: Jackie Pickens

Almoners: Chris Beldin, Matt Okerson

Vestry Member of the Week: Jessica Largent

Altar Guild: Chris Beldin

Thanks Be to God:

- Those who participated in Stations of the Cross
- Parishioners who filled Easter eggs; Reba Ericksen for providing treat bags for youth volunteers
- Scott Wilson for agreeing to serve as Vestry clerk
- Lauren Wilson for creating this week's baptism banner
- Ben Paden, Sharon and Fred Naatz for their continued work with livestreaming Holy Family's worship services
- Those who contribute financially to support the ministry and worship offerings of Holy Family

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