



Holy Family Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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 *Sing a New Song* **G 230**

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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from

the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

**24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.**

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"**

**26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before
him.**

**27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**

**28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love

one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Gloria, Gloria (3x)

G 149

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped
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

BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence may be kept

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.**

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Pickens, Pierce,
and Ray families and those who serve as our Youth
Ministries. We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of
God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the
Truth.**

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer we pray for the clergy and
people of Christ Church, Madison. We pray for Michael our
Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

Especially remembering those on our prayer list; Ruth,
Monique, Wade, Barb, Cathy, Victoria and Isaiah, Bob, Joe,
Kathy, Karen, Dave and Bev, Chris, Abby, Larry and Jean,
Eden, Betsy, Honey, Janet, Amanda, Elizabeth, Beth,
Sawyer, Bernhard & Katja, Norma and William, and Lisa; we
pray for the special needs and concerns of this
congregation.

Silence - the People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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 may be omitted during the season of 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 *There is Power in Jesus' Name* Choplin

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 *We Have Been Told* **G 296**

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

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

[Spring Market & Flower/Plant Sale:](#) On Mother's Day weekend, Holy Family will host its annual Flower and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11th from 9 AM - 3 PM. There will be a lovely variety of hanging baskets, garden plants, flowers, and herbs for sale. In addition, visit the new "Dirt Bar" and get help designing your very own planters and porch pots! Proceeds from the Flower/Plant Sale benefit fundraising efforts for Holy Family. Volunteers are needed – sign up at: tinyurl.com/HFECflower2024.

In addition, this year a Spring Market of vendors will be set up in the Narthex with plenty of crafts and gift items that are perfect for Mother's Day. Many of the vendors are parishioners at Holy Family, so this is a great time to support their businesses as well as the church. Questions can be directed to the church office. admin@hfec.org

[Senior Sunday:](#) On Sunday, May 19th, Holy Family will celebrate its graduating high school seniors at the 10 AM service. All graduating seniors and their families are encouraged to attend. This will also be the final day for 9 AM Sunday school this year. Classes for PreK-12th grade will take a break for the summer.

[Pentecost Celebration:](#) On Sunday, May 19th, Holy Family will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with worship at 8 AM in the sanctuary and 10 AM in the outdoor chapel. You are encouraged to bring camp chairs or blankets for the outdoor

chapel benches. Following the 10 AM service, the church will provide grilled hot dogs and burgers. You are invited to bring side dishes to share as well as drinks for your household. All are welcome!

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

Adult Forum: Through the months of April and May, Adult Forum (Sundays at 9 AM in the Parish Hall) will focus on grief in its wide and various forms. A helpful (but not required) book is Grief is for People by Sloan Crosley. Each week will focus on one aspect of grief, knowing that most will overlap with others. Contact Fr. Bruce for more information. All are welcome! bgray@hfec.org

Bible Study: Bible Study at 9 AM on Sundays in the conference room will hold an eight week study on the book of Philippians. Please visit the Bible Study webpage at holyfamilymission.org/biblestudy for the lesson schedule or contact Stephen and Kristine Canter through the church office if you have questions. admin@hfec.org

Last Day of Sunday School: The final day for 9 AM Sunday school classes for the program year for PreK-12th grade will be held on May 19th. Classes will take a break for the summer. Holy Family welcomes and encourages parents and other members of the congregation to assist or teach in classrooms for kids. Training and materials are provided. Please contact the program directors for more information. Jolene Johnston PreK-6th grade jjohnston@hfec.org OR Ruth Everett 7-12th grades youthministry@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

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

FELLOWSHIP

Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is Friday, May 3rd 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 March 31st
Income \$88,614.69
Expenses \$85,709.16

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.

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: Rev. Bruce Gray
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas
Greeter: Larry Pickens
Ushers: Marcus Dial
Readers: Betty Bogeman, Pete Mulhall, Joel Bruns, Carol Dial
Prayers: David Emerson, Sophia Paden
Acolytes: Ellie Tannas, Claire Dial, Olivia Dial
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Marty Blake, Jim Taflinger
LEV: Stephen Canter
Bread: Holly Foreman
Almoners: Lee Cahalan, Jessica Largent
Vestry Member of the Week: Bethany Paden
Altar Guild: Reba Ericksen
10 AM Childcare: Emily Becraft, Jessica Largent
LEV: Kristine Canter
Bread: Joel Bruns
Almoners: Lee Cahalan, Gary Snyder
Vestry Member of the Week: Emily Becraft
Altar Guild: Jeff & Karen Smith
10 AM Childcare: Emily Becraft, Brandy Grayson

Upcoming Events:

Game Night: May 3rd 7 PM
Flower Sale & Spring Market: May 11th 9 AM - 3 PM
Prayer Group: May 13th 6:30-7 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry: May 13th 7 PM
Last Day of Sunday School: May 19th 9 AM
Graduate Recognition Sunday: May 19th 10 AM
Pentecost Celebration: May 19th
Indy Pride: June 8th

Thanks Be to God:

- 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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