

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

# Welcome!

Holy Family seeks to bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Holy Family Episcopal Church is a young and growing congregation with an emphasis on children and youth ministry, spiritual growth, and community outreach. Members of Holy Family reside in Fishers, Noblesville, Carmel, Pendleton, Indianapolis, and the Geist area.

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; 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).

## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

I Sing the Almighty Power of God H 398 **Entrance Hymn** 

#### 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

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Reading from the Book of Acts

16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira

and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Sequence Hymn

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Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** God of Mercy God of Grace H 538

# The Holy Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Father Frank Impicciche

John 5:1-9

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 Higgins, Holley, and Hultberg families and those who serve as Teachers in our church and community. 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 Trinity, Indianapolis. We pray for Sean 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; Gwen, Kim, Phil, Donna, Karen, Stephanie, Sarah, Marge, Papa Ed, Judi, Katja, William and Norma, Bill, Marvin and Marsha, Sawyer, Ed, Tom, Allison, Susan, Tyra, Julie, Stacy, Larry, Sharon, Kyle and Colleen, Oliver, Mary, and Luke; 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 Joey and Stewart, and Mikaila.

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## 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 Kuimba Asante (Sing Thanks!) / Perry

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 A

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus G 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.

#### The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

## The Celebrant continues

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 Let us pray 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 your Holy Family and 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. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## 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

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

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Celebrant and People

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, 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

This table is for everyone. All who seek God are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to offer you a blessing. A gluten free option is available for those who need it. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, please let one of the Ushers know.

**Communion** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light H 490 We Will Rise Again G 350

#### **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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

**Dismissal Hymn** Ye Servants of God H 535

### **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. Frank at <a href="mailto:FFFrank@hfec.org">FFFFRANk@hfec.org</a> 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**

<u>Building & Grounds Update</u>: We are working on making the building and grounds as easily maintainable as possible. While the townhouses are being built, we will not be doing any permanent landscaping or making any additions to the grounds, such as an outdoor chapel or community garden. After the construction is completed and we have an opportunity to see the new landscaping, we will evaluate and plan for the best use of our space. If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to us or Fr. Frank. Thank you!

- Kay Mulhall, Senior Warden and Matt Okerson, Junior Warden

Please Ask Before You Act!: There is a myth in parish administration that things slow down after the "program year" ends and that the summer months are filled with rest, reflection, and renewal. While the busy liturgical seasons may be behind us for this year, the Season of Planning and Preparation is on our doorstep! As we settle into a less hectic liturgical calendar, the Staff, Vestry, and I are busy working on various projects and processes. We are revising and revamping many of our policies and procedures and ways of doing things in the hopes of ensuring greater consistency and clarity in the way we are organized at Holy Family. For example, we are in the process of developing a different approach to how we care for our building and grounds. We are still in the early stages of this process but hope to slowly put new procedures into place. Other examples include organizing for receptions or special events at the parish. The people at Holy Family have always been good about seeing something that needs to be done and then jumping in to do it. While this has been greatly appreciated over the years, as we go forward, we are asking you to "Ask Before you Act." We need space to implement new ideas and also want to avoid possible miscommunication or duplication of work. So, if you see something that needs to be done, and are willing to help, please ask before you act! Reach out to me or a staff member or a member of the Vestry, first. Let's talk about it and make sure something isn't already being planned or addressed. Thank you! Fr. Frank

Celebrate Pentecost!: On Sunday, June 8th, Holy Family will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with worship at 8 AM in the sanctuary and 10 AM on the south lawn. Some chairs will be available, but you are also encouraged to bring camp chairs or blankets for the worship service. Wear red if you like! Following the 10 AM service, the church will provide grilled hot dogs and burgers for a picnic. You are invited to bring side dishes and desserts to share as well as drinks for your household. Please review the available slots below and visit tinyurl.com/HFECpentecost2025 to sign up. Questions can be directed to the church office. admin@hfec.org Thank you!

<u>Dads are Super!</u> Join the fun on Father's Day, June 15th as Holy Family celebrates dads, grandpas, and all father figures of the #holyvillage. Refreshments will be served following the 8 AM service. At 11:30 AM, a light lunch will also be served where dads can "assemble" their own super sub sandwich with all the toppings they enjoy most. Please plan to attend! Contact Ruth Everett (youthministry@hfec.org) or Jolene Johnston (jjohnston@hfec.org) for more details.

<u>Church Communications</u>: Holy Family is updating its communications lists, particularly email addresses. If you are new to the church and have not yet submitted a new member card, please visit <u>holyfamilyfishers.org/welcome</u> to complete the form. If you have any changes to your information, please submit the updates to the church office. <u>admin@hfec.org</u>

Holy Family at Indy Pride: Join the #holyvillage and walk in the Indianapolis Pride parade at 10 AM on June 14, 2025. Please **REGISTER WITH THE DIOCESE** if you plan to walk so you can continue to receive updates. It is free to walk in the parade. You are encouraged to wear Holy Family or pride apparel. More information can be found at indydio.org/resources-for-pride. All are welcome!

<u>Prayer List Updates</u>: Periodically, Holy Family refreshes the Prayers of the People list that is read during the worship service. While the names being read aloud might change throughout the year, prayers are still being said for everyone who has been added to the list. Please contact the church office if you would like to add a name to the list for the summer months. admin@hfec.org

#### **WORSHIP**

<u>Prayer Group Meeting</u>: Holy Family Prayer Group meets from 6:30 – 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next gathering is June 9th. All are welcome to come and join in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

<u>Nametag Request</u>: If you are new to Holy Family, have recently returned, or your nametag has just gone missing, please fill out the notepad in the Narthex (lobby) near the nametag display by the sanctuary doors. Holy Family provides nametags for students in 7th grade through adults. Because Holy Family's privacy policy is intended to protect children whose image may appear on the worship livestream, nametags are not used for younger children in the sanctuary.

#### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

<u>Bible Study</u>: The 9 am bible study will finish out the program year with a six-week book study on The Lord's Prayer using <u>The Lord and His Prayer</u> by N. T. Wright. View the lesson schedule at <u>holyfamilyfishers.org/biblestudy/</u> Please direct questions to Stephen and Kristine Canter via the church office. <u>admin@hfec.org</u>

#### **OUTREACH**

Missionaries of Charity Updated Requests: Holy Family is actively collecting donations of new pajamas, sleep shirts, socks, underwear, and twin sheets for the guests at Missionaries of Charity shelter in Indianapolis. Please drop off donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your support! Please direct questions to Teresa Conroy-Roth through the church office. admin@hfec.org

<u>Childcare Volunteers Needed</u>: With increased attendance of households with young children at the 10 AM service, the Childcare Ministry needs a few more volunteers to supervise playtime for the first thirty minutes of the service. This ministry goes a long way to support parents who really value the ability

to fully participate in the worship service. Volunteers must have participated regularly at Holy Family for a minimum of six months and completed abuse prevention training mandated by the Diocese. You do NOT need to currently be a parent of young children to participate. High school volunteers may assist once per month when a trained adult is present. There is a video feed of the worship service playing in the Childcare rooms, so the volunteers don't miss a thing. Please reach out to Childcare Coordinator Emily Morton through the church office. admin@hfec.org

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 June 9th. Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

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 <u>in.gov/townships/delaware29</u>. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the church lobby during Sunday worship hours.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

<u>Game Night</u>: The next gathering of Game Night is on Friday, June 6th 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!

Book Club: The next book for discussion will be Six Days in Bombay by Alka Joshi. Join the conversation on Wednesday, June 11th at 3 PM. There is no May Book Club gathering. Contact the church office for Google Meet information for this gathering or visit meet.google.com/oxpxvgq-itc or admin@hfec.org

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 the church office. admin@hfec.org

#### **OTHER NEWS**

Holy Family Financials Through April 30th:

Income - \$353,028.40 (includes the remainder from the land

sale)

Expenses - \$104,121.94

Today's Altar Flowers are donated by Christine Moore in memory of her grandmother Catherine McLaughlin on her birthday.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Game Night: June 6th 7 PM

Pentecost Celebration: June 8th 8 AM - 12 Noon

Prayer Group: June 9th 6:30-7 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry: June 9th 7 PM Book Group: June 11th 3 PM online Indy Pride Parade: June 14th 10 AM

Father's Day Hospitality: June 15h 9 and 11:30 AM

#### Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: The Rev'd Frank Impicciche Homily: The Rev'd Frank Impicciche Music Director: Bethany Paden

Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas Ushers: Lee Cahalan, Jessica Largent

Readers: Sharon Keller, Wade Nichols, Scott Wilson, Sharon

Naatz

Prayers: Betty Bogeman, Wendy Blumenthal

Acolytes: Ellie Tannas, Evelyn Asmus, Maddux Whaley Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Carol Bruns, Scott Wilson

LEV: Stephen Canter Bread: Holly Forman

Almoners: Lee Cahalan, Emily Morton Vestry Member of the Week: Lee Cahalan

Altar Guild: Chris Beldin

10 AM Childcare:

## Thanks Be to God:

- Matt Okerson for hosting the Men's Ministry gathering; all who attended
- Greta Wilson for leading Stretch & Praise for children
- 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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