

# Christmas Eve December 24, 2022 10:30 p.m. The Congregation Gathers

**Prelude** A stable lamp is lighted

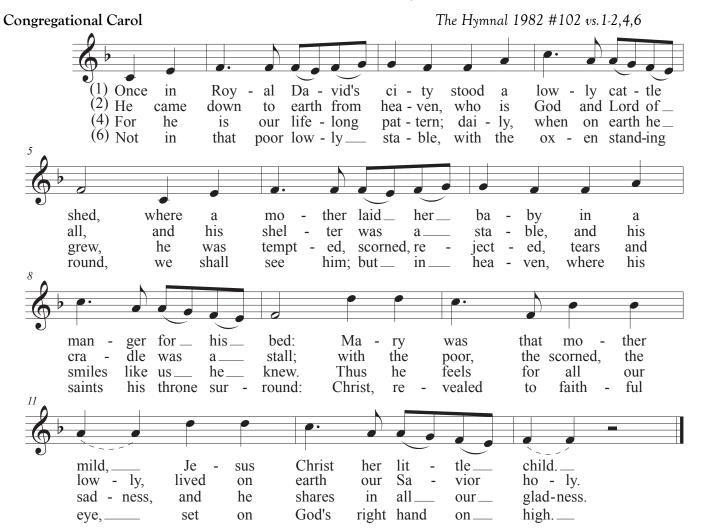
The Tolling of the Bell

**Introit** Of the Father's love begotten

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348 - 410?) Translated: John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Music: 'Dominum mysterium', 11th cent. Sanctus trope

Please stand as you are able.



## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of David's fragile house of hope and expectation: in the time of empires, your word is born to those who have no place and sung to those who watch in the wild; may his birth unsettle our world with hidden glory and untold peace; through Jesus Christ, the Child of Promise. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saving to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light Words: Johann Rist (1607-67)

Melody: 'Ermuntre dich' Harmonized: J.S.Bach

The Second Reading

St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Responsory for the Virgin

Slender branch from the stump of Jesse, God gazed at you like an eagle staring into the sun. Daughter of Zion! such daring! and the supernal father saw a maiden's splendor and her mortal flesh spoke his word.

In the depth of mystery her mind was illumined and bright was the rose that sprang from that maiden when the supernal father saw her virgin splendor and her mortal flesh spoke his word.

Glorify the Father, and the Spirit, and the Son. As it was in the beginning so it is now and so be it for ever.

The supernal father saw a maiden's splendor and her mortal flesh spoke his word.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

The Gospel, part 1 Luke 2:1-14

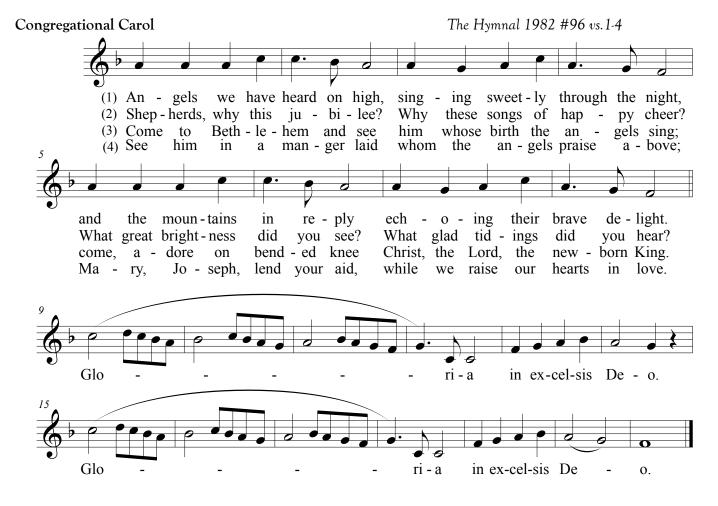
Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see~ I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.
The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.



The Gospel, part 2 Luke 2:15-20

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The people respond

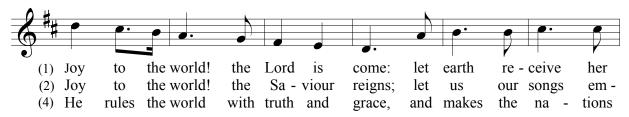
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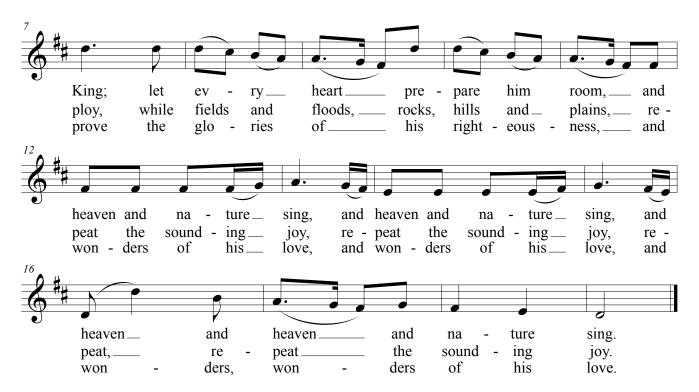
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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



The Hymnal 1982 #100 vs. 1-2, 4





The Sermon The Rev. Scot Sherman

### Prayers of the People

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

Leader For peace in the whole world; for peace in Bethlehem, in Palestine and Syria, let us pray to

God.

People God have mercy

Leader For Marc our Bishop; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Justin, archbishop of Canterbury; and for

all spiritual leaders and guides of every faith, let us pray to God.

People God have mercy

Leader For all who come to celebrate Christ's birth this holy night, and for their families, friends and

fellow-workers, let us pray to God.

People God have mercy.

Leader For all who suffer, and for those who offer care and support, let us pray to God.

People God have mercy

Leader For the homeless, refugees, prisoners and all in danger, that they may be comforted and

protected, let us pray to God.

People God have mercy

Leader In fellowship with Mary, Christ's Mother, and with all God's holy people in every time and

place, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life through Christ to God.

People To you O Lord our God

Celebrant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate word: grant that this

light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## The Peace

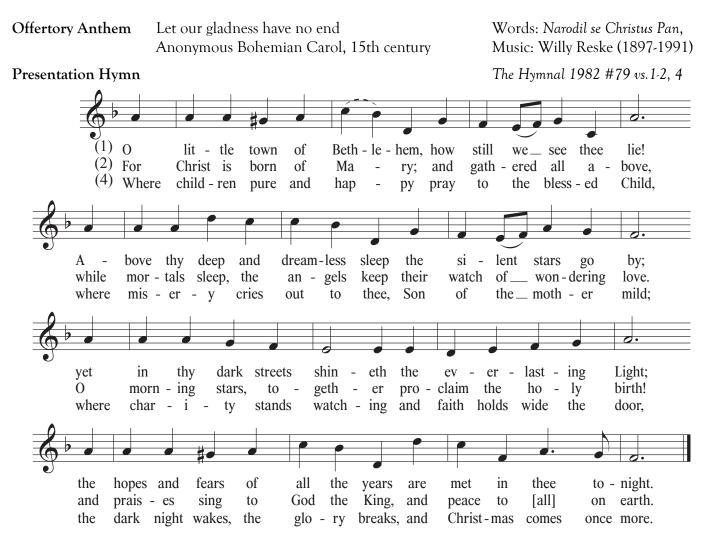
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

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 thank you loving God, for you did not abandon us or stand far off but came in awful nearness with the urgency of love.

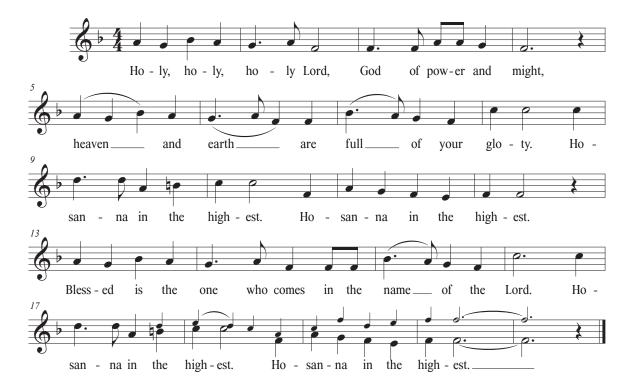
In creation's dawn, you gave birth to all that is; to the people of Israel you revealed yourself a Father and shared the human story.

Now we praise you for the Word made flesh born of Mary's body, nurtured in her womb, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song.

The fullness of God dwells in his flesh, a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside, good news of pread for the hungry and poor, a shepherd to find those who are lost.

Now we are caught up, body and soul resound with the glory of music divine, echoing through the hallowed earth:

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:



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.

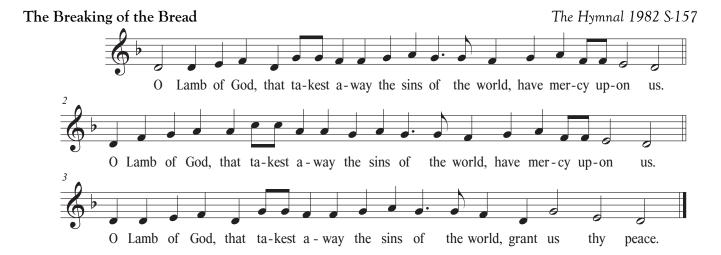
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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 sons and daughters; 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,



## Invitation to the Table

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

now and for ever. Amen.

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.

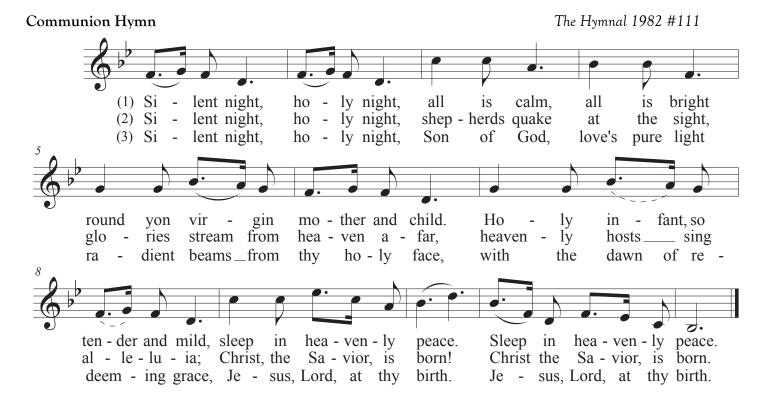
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

## 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.

Music: Celtic traditional carol, arranged by John Rutter (b. 1945)

#### A Christmas Piano Meditation



#### Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

We thank you, gracious God, for this holy meal that unites us with the Child of Bethlehem and with each other. Send us forth, gifted by your Holy Spirit, as living signs of your enduring love in a world that too often has no room for you. We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who found no room in Bethlehem's inn but is at home in every heart that receives him. Amen.

## **Christmas Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent God's Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of God's holiness. *Amen.* 

May God, who sent God's angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.* 

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. *Amen.* 

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



#### The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah)

by G.F. Handel (1685-1789)

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#### SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY

The Rev. Scot Sherman, Celebrant & Preacher
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Sue Fandel, Hospitality
Michael Romero / Sarah Thornburg, Tech Team
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#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holy Innocents Christmas

10:00 am Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

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.

## 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 <a href="mailto:sklapec@yahoo.com">sklapec@yahoo.com</a> 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.

## 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 <a href="mailto:support@holyinsf.org">support@holyinsf.org</a>.

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: <a href="https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/emergency flood relief for haji muhammad shari-fivellage-in-pakistan#!/">https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/emergency flood relief for haji muhammad shari-fivellage-in-pakistan#!/</a>

## Open Cathedral - potluck and sandwich making date: January 18, 2022.

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.

Wednesday night potluck is taking a break. With the holidays upon us and a lack of heat in the church hall, there will be no potluck on December 21st and 28th. We will resume our weekly gathering in the new year! Hospitality: We have begun having a small coffee hour on the sidewalk after the service, you can sign up to contribute on the <u>rota sign up link</u>.

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**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); Andrea & Lucas, and their family (Sarah B's friends); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Catherine (Amelia's mother and Thomas' friend); Christopher (Beth's friend); Darlene (Judith's friend); David B.;Diana (Anne's niece); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Fatima (Claire's godmother); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne's cousins); Gloria (Tom L's sister-in-law); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Joel & Sam; John (Tom L's brother); John (Davey's father); John M. (Sam's friend); Judith; Julia; Julia (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lina (Fabienne's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Margie and Roger (Cary); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Mary (Susan K DeGrado's mother); Mary M.; Maxime, Thomas & James; Peter (Tom L's friend); Pierre (Fabienne's family friend); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah, Gideon, and family (friends of Malcolm, Seth, and Cora); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Sharon (Natasha's mom); Seán (Judith's friend); Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thomas F.; Virginia, Will (Cynthia's son).

## For the departed:

Robert Bautista (Joyce's friend), Mike and Toni Rae Katz (John's brother and sister-in-law), Fred (Bucky) Mills (Richard's dad); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Burt Cazden; Donald Pace (Judith's friend); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Mary (Alison's mother); Mike Scorer (Paul's father), Peter Olson and Ilan Vitemberg (Tom L's friends); Sue (Sarah B's friend); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

## The Leadership of Holy Innocents

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