



Holy Innocents

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.

The Congregation Gathers

Prelude O thou, of God the Father

by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

The Tolling of the Bell

Please stand as you are able.

The Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #180 vs. 1&3

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:
3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant day;
5 he has burst his three days' pris - on; let the whole wide world re - joice:
not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray,
9 death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.

The Opening Acclamation

All who have bells are invited to ring them joyously each time "Alleluia" is sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People *Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

The Gloria

The Hymnal 1982 #S-278

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
5 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and

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 Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God,

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 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

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 you are seat - ed at the right hand of — the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

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 you a-lone are the Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus

44

 Christ, with the Ho - ly — Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

50

 God the Fa - ther. — A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
 People *And also with you.*
 Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

The Hymnal S-413



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my **cause**;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my **prayer**.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my **glory**;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false **gods**?”
- 3 Know that the Holy One does wonders for the **faithful**;*
when I call upon God, I will be **heard**.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not **sin**;*
speak to your heart in silence upon your **bed**.
- 5 Offer the appointed **sacrifices***
and put your trust in **God**.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better **times**!”*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O **God**.
- 7 You have put gladness in my **heart**,*
more than when grain and wine and oil in-crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a-**sleep**;*
for only you make me dwell in **safety**.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

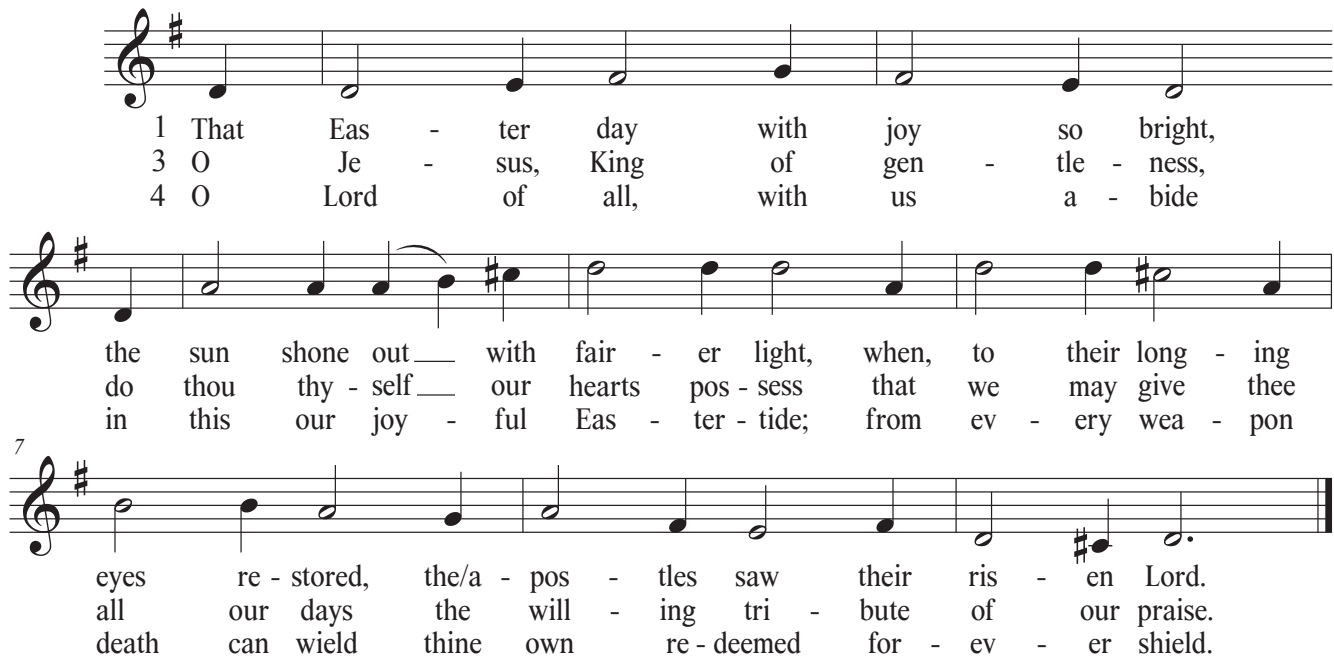
Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Procession

The Hymnal 1982 #193 vs. 1,3,4



1 That Easter day with joy so bright,
3 O Jesus, King of gentleness,
4 O Lord of all, with us abide
the sun shone out with fairer light, when, to their long-ing
do thou thyself our hearts possess that we may give thee
in this our joy-ful Easter-tide; from ev-ery wea-pon
7 eyes re-stored, the/a-pos-tles saw their ris-en Lord.
all our days the will-ing tri-bute of our praise.
death can wield thine own re-deemed for-ever shield.

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon / Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The people respond ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon / Celebrant

Rejoicing in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of God to give newness of life, and the recreating presence of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church and the world.

Please add your intercessions followed by "God of Resurrection Life". All then respond "Hear our prayer."

Leader For the world-wide church.

God of Resurrection life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader For the nation and all in authority.

God of Resurrection life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader For the welfare of the world.

God of Resurrection life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader For the concerns of our community.

God of Resurrection life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader For those who suffer.

God of Resurrection life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader For the departed.

God of Resurrection life,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

We offer these thanksgivings and intercessions through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, and to you, O Blessed Trinity, be all glory and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem: Alleluia

by William Boyce (1711-79)

Presentation Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #304 vs. 1-4

(1) I come with joy to meet my God, for -
 (2) I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 (3) As Christ breaks bread and bid us share, each
 (4) And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His

4
 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 pres - ence al - ways near, is in such friend - ship

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 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God,

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

The Hymnal 1982 #S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 5 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ty. Ho -
 9 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 13 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 17 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy Creator, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, O God.*

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with blessed Mary the God-bearer, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Creator, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN**

Deacon / Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Rimsky-Korsakov setting

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

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Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

5

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Hymnal 1982 #S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

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sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to the Table

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table of abundance.

We who are many are one body because we share the one bread, the one cup.

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

Healing Prayer

The presider sends the healing minister to the Mary Chapel with oil for anointing. You are welcome to receive prayers and/or anointing in the Mary Chapel, during the distribution of Holy Communion.

You may request prayers for yourself or for someone else.

Celebrant

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up. (James 5:15)

Take this oil and anoint, offer prayers for healing and a reminder that our strength is in our Savior.

During Communion, those present through our livestream are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, O God, with your people at every altar of your Church, we offer you praise, giving thanks for your presence in the holy gifts of bread and wine. In our spatial distance we invite you to come spiritually into our hearts, nourishing and strengthening us as members of your body. Amen.

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #343 vs. 1-3

(1) Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
(2) We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
(3) Be known to us in break - ing bread, and then do

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pil - grim flock with man - na in the wil - der -
word of grace, in strength of which we trav - el
not de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with us and

11
ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
on to our a - bid - ing place.
spread thy ta - ble in our heart.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

***Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;***

the word of life in whom our joy is complete:

send us out to declare your truth,

your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen

Community Blessings

For a birthday: (Celebrant & People)

Watch over your children, O Lord, as **their** days increase; bless and guide **them** wherever **they** may be.

Strengthen **them** when **they** stand; comfort **them** when discouraged or sorrowful; raise **them** up if **they** fall;

and in **their** hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of **their** lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers: (Celebrant & People)

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us the children of God through the resurrection of God's Son our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of 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 Creator, the Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #492 vs. 1-2,4

Descant

4 Now, on high, yet ev - er with us, from the

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

Fa - ther's throne the Son guides the world he ran - somed,
sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

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till th'ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -
let his house re - sound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with-in the
till the/ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

newed and perfect, all gath-ered in-to one.
 mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 newed and perfect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

The Dismissal

Deacon / Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ alleluia, alleluia.
People ***Thanks be to God. alleluia, alleluia.***

Postlude Sortie in F Major by Léon Boëllman (1862-1897)

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Vicar's Schedule and Office Hours

Monday: Sabbath
 Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.
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VITAL AND THRIVING EVENT FOR HOLY INNOCENTS

Holy Innocents is now part of the Vital and Thriving (V + T) congregational development program in the Diocese of California. This is a three-year program which helps congregations move forward into the future with greater self-knowledge, faith, confidence, and renewed energy as we devise and test fresh missional approaches. We are in Year One, the phase of Discovery. We will be collecting stories of our congregation to become more familiar with where our congregation has been in the past, where we are today, and discern where God might be calling us next.

As the first step in this process of storytelling, the Holy Innocents V + T Steering Committee is inviting you to **A CONGREGATIONAL TIMELINE EVENT on April 28 after our 10 am service.** This 90-minute facilitated conversation will be about our history as Holy Innocents and help us develop a shared timeline of important milestones and events in our collective church history. We will ask you to briefly note reflections

on sticky notes and place them on a large church timeline on the wall. This event specifically needs to include longtime members and newcomers and everyone in between in order to get a variety of perspectives on who we have been in order to work toward who we as a congregation are being called to be. Please mark your calendars and ask any of us if you have questions in the meantime.

The V + T Steering Committee: Melinda Carr (chair), Alison Amonette, Seth Brenzel, Ron Fisher, Pamela Clare Magers.

Paschal Candle 2024

From Natasha Merritt: As a congregation, we have been through quite a bit of change and turmoil in the last year (maybe the last few years). Given that, I felt that embracing the Hawaiian theme of "Ohana" was appropriate for the 2024 paschal candle. Ohana is the idea of family and that is, after all, what we are at Holy Innocents. The pink flowers are plumeria which represent a new beginning, Spring, new life, birth...both creation and recreation. The leaves on the lei are "maile". A maile lei is a symbol of respect, peace, friendship & love. Historically they were used in wedding ceremonies to tie the bride and groom's hands together as a symbol of their unity.

I felt that this theme represents what Holy Innocents means to me...and I think all of us here. Please think about this as we burn this candle and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to, once again, add to our community in this way.

Hospitality: We have a small coffee hour after the service. You can sign up to contribute on the rota sign up link or on the Hospitality Chart in the church narthex.

Wednesday potluck at 6:30 pm (6:00 pm on the third Wednesday for Open Cathedral sandwich making).

Bring something to share if you can, but not required! All are welcome. Contact Stephen Walker with questions: stlwwalker@gmail.com; 415-385-8120.

Parish Retreat Save The Date For 2024! Our 2024 parish retreat is going to be held June 7th - June 9th. Start turning in your deposits!

Some folks have reported that they are not receiving emails from Holy Innocents. If you are not receiving emails, like the weekly notice that contains the link to the live-stream, send a message to support@holysf.org.

<p>To add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin, please send your text (ready to paste) no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@holysf.org.</p>
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Staying Connected!

You can follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF>.

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:

Adele (Judith's friend), Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bill D.; Bill (Cynthia's brother); ; Blaire's parents (Beth & Lisa); Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Cary; Christopher (Beth's friend); Sandy (family of Susan and Bill); Darlene (Judith's friend); Devin R., Diana (Anne's niece); Diane B. (Sarah B's friend); EJ (Judith's friend); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Geoff K. (Alison's friend); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Jim and Angel (Bill D's family); Joel & Sam; John M. (Sam's friend); Josh C. and family (Maureen's friends); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Kristin (friend of Beth & Lisa); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Maddie (Joyce's niece), Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Seth and his family; Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Theresa & Darwin (Maureen's friends); Thomas F.; Virginia Gassner; Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Janet, Sr. Jean's sister; Yvonne (Cynthia's sister-in-law); Adrienne Bess; Joshua Coffy (Maureen's friend); Connie (Susan's aunt); Mary Kelley (Susan's mother); Carlin Holden (Judith's friend); Blaire (friend of Beth & Lisa); Kit Everts (Alison's friend); JW Kwankam (Judith's friend); The Rev. Ann Coburn; Ann Bogatinoff (congregation member); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Helen Brenzel (Seth's mom) Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

The Leadership of Holy Innocents

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