

CHURCH *of the* INCARNATION



*But they who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength.*

*They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

**The Twenty-First
Sunday after Pentecost**

October 17, 2021

Contemporary Service

ISAIAH 40:31

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG

Come Away From Rush And Hurry

Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens--
life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them--
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe!
And crown Him Lord of all!

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

Genesis 18:23–32

Abraham said to the LORD, "Wilt thou indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou then destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from thee to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from thee! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Wilt thou destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 141

Let my prayer rise before you like incense
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

O God I call to you, come to me quickly
Hear my voice when I cry to you

Let my prayer rise before you like incense
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

My eyes are turned to you, O God
In you I take refuge
My eyes are turned to you, O God
Strip me not of my life!

Let my prayer rise before you like incense
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:17-32

Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart; they have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness. You did not so learn Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Let Us Be Known

Let us be known by our love
In every word, in every deed honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:1–8

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. John Sundara

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 worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel.

Deacon & People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution, after which all stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

All greet one another with a sign of peace in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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 understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (9 AM)

OFFERTORY SONG

The Zacchaeus Song

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Jesus our Lord came to seek and to save
He sought me out and He called me by name
foolish and proud, like a sheep gone astray.
He said "child to your home I will come today"

Chorus

Salvation has come, salvation has come to this house today

Much I have gained but I'll give even more
Half of my wealth, it was robbed from the poor
O this injustice, Lord help me restore
You called me by name and said "sin no more"

Chorus

Salvation has come, salvation has come to this house today

He said it's more blessed to give than receive
Open my hands to the ones I've deceived
To bring reparation of all I have theived
Hallelujah hallelujah, now I can see

Chorus

Salvation has come, salvation has come to this house today

Bridge

What I've taken from the poor I will give it all away
And their cries won't be ignored I will give it all away
Let Your Justice be restored I will give it all away
What I thought was mine is yours I will give it all away
Jesus our Lord comes to seek and to save
Broken the lost and the sheep gone astray
O lay down your treasures for they're just golden chains
He says "child I will come to your house today"

Chorus

Salvation has come, salvation has come to this house today

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

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 & BENEDICTUS

Celebrant & 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.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

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,

Celebrant & People

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant We do not presume
All to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Persons who wish to have the Holy Eucharist brought to them in their pew should notify an usher.

Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume; to receive the Wine, hold the base of the chalice, guide it to your lips. The practice of dipping the Bread into the Wine is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, simply cross your arms over your chest.

If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), or prefers not, to receive either the Bread or the Wine, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion. If needed, there is wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice; just notify a priest when you kneel at the altar rail.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

SONG

Come Ye Sinners

Verse 1

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and power

Chorus

I will rise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Verse 2

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorified
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Verse 4

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to fill your need of Him

Chorus

I will rise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Chorus

I will rise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Verse 3

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant & People

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.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant gives the blessing, after which the Deacon says

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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SARAH *and* WILLIAM

James



Pictured in photo:

Sarah and William James with children Kate and Robert



The resources we have are God's resources.

Renewing our annual financial pledge to Incarnation and giving our plate offering at the weekly service reminds our family that the resources we have are God's resources.

Giving is one way that we can strengthen our relationship with Him and allows us to continuously redeploy our gifts, financial and otherwise, back into his service.

We hope that our giving also shows our children the depth of our faith and helps them develop faith in their lives.

Prayerfully consider all that God does through Incarnation for you, your family, and your community, and pledge to give back to Him.



ON THE CALENDAR

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

SUNDAYS • 10:20 AM INCARNATION.ORG/CLASSES

FALL THEOLOGY LECTURE

TODAY • 5 PM **ASCENSION CHAPEL**

BORDERS: The Necessary and Yet Tragic Matter of Drawing Lines.

The Rev. Canon Victor Lee Austin, Ph.D. presents scriptural illumination on the matter of making distinctions (of which, borders are one particular instance). Why are we called to make distinctions? What is the tragic element in all line-drawing? Bishop George Sumner to provide a response, then join us for a wine and cheese reception in Rittenmeyer Gallery.

GOOD BOOKS GOOD TALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 • 5 PM **ED BLDG, ROOM 205**

Our Town by Thornton Wilder is an American play from the last century, about ordinary small-town life: boy, girl, chores, responsibility, growing up...and then that haunting final scene in the town graveyard. Can Jesus visit these dead? Read the play and join The Rev. Canon Victor Lee Austin, Ph.D. for the discussion this month.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 • 3-5 PM **NORTH PARKING LOT**

Bring your kids to partake in the treats or help us by serving as trunk greeters, help pass out candy, or donate candy and have it shipped straight to the church! Costumes encouraged! Music, fellowship, and food round out the festivities.

LIBRARY TREATS AND TOMES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

MARMION LIBRARY

Trick or treat at the Marmion Library on the Main Campus! Pop in for a treat and a large selection of faBOOlous children's books.

BACH'S LUNCH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 • 12:15 PM **CHURCH**

Join us for Bach's Lunch, our free monthly concert series focused on the music of J.S. Bach and his circle.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 5:30 TO 8 PM **ED BLDG, ROOM 205**

Parents, take advantage of the kid-free evening while your kids enjoy fun, age-appropriate activities and dinner with us!

INCARNATION 101

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 • 12:30 PM **ED BLDG, ROOM 205**

Lunch is on us, so come get to know the clergy and staff, discover ways to connect and get involved, and learn what parish membership entails. Sign up for this primer on Incarnation at Incarnation.org/101.

EVENT DETAILS & REGISTRATION

INCARNATION.ORG/EVENTS



NEW GUEST *or* NEED ASSISTANCE

Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center between services to get support, discover ways to connect, and pick up a new visitor gift.



WEEKLY ENEWS

Our official church newsletter is the best way to receive up-to-date announcements and information about upcoming events. Sign up today at incarnation.org/enews.



WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 988, Proper 24.

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