



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

Contemporary Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG

O Come to The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of the sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

Oh what a savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Chorus

SONG

10,000 Reasons (Bless My Soul)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
10,000 years and then forever more

Chorus

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we ask you, absolve your people from their offences; that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 55:6–11

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Bring Us Back, O God (Psalm 85)

Bring us back, oh God and savior
Stem the tide of justice' rage
Turn it back, as Jordan river
Turned before the ark of grace
Nor let anger run forever
Sweeping o'er us age to age

Save us from the flood of slaughter
Loosed by our unrighteous deeds
Draw us living from the waters
Where we hide in mercy's reeds
Bring us back as sons and daughters
Wakened to compassion's need

Chorus

*Bring us back, oh God! Bring us back to you
Bring us back, oh God! Bring us back to you*

Show us, Lord, your grace and mercy
Flowing from salvation's spring
Rain down justice for the thirsting
Righteousness and endless stream
As our hearts to you are turning
Pour out rivers of your peace

Chorus

Truth and kindness, boundless oceans
Wash the shores of every land
Peace and justice, tides in motion
ush us onward hand in hand
o the feast of Christ's compassion
And his kingdom without end

Chorus

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 1:3–12

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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 9:18–26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A ruler came in and knelt before Jesus, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment; for she said to herself "If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a tumult, he said, "Depart; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Joe Dewey

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.

Leader In thanksgiving for those who have served this country in her armed forces, for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in this service, and for all veterans who carry with them the effects of war.
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

CHILDREN'S SERMON (9 AM)

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.

OFFERTORY SONG

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Dear refuge of my weary soul on Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief for thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet
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With humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet

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

Promises

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant and faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven You'll do just what You say

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age, though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same
Your history can prove there's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Chorus

I'll still bless You
In the middle of the storm
In the middle of my trail
I'll still bless You
In the middle of the road
When I don't know where to go

Chorus

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.



ANGEL TREE ADOPTIONS

Angel Tree families and foster children are available for adoption. Fulfill gift wishes this year using our online selection process.



Help collect ingredients for 250 Angel Tree families to prepare a veggie chili. Purchase items from our Amazon wish list and ship to the church or shop at your local market and drop-off food donations in the baskets in the Welcome Center.

ANGEL TREE GIFT DROP-OFF NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
WELCOME CENTER

Convenient gift drop-off and plenty of time to enjoy activities for both adults and children alike.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS & LINKS FOR ANGEL TREE ADOPTIONS, FOOD DRIVE, GIFT DROP-OFF, & VOLUNTEER ROLES, VISIT:

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christmas poinsettias

One of the longest and loveliest traditions at Incarnation is to honor and remember your loved ones with hundreds of poinsettias that adorn our altars during the Christmas season through your generous donations.

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Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 5.

Roseland THANKSGIVING

Assist 200 Roseland Community families to prepare a Thanksgiving meal in their own homes this year. Financial contributions of any amount are welcome. Make your check out to the church and include 'Roseland Thanksgiving' in the memo line, or give online at incarnation.org/roseland-thanksgiving.



PLACE YOUR *hope* IN GOD AND OFFER UP
YOUR GIFTS TRUSTING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL *renew* YOUR STRENGTH.

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ON THE CALENDAR

THE GESUALDO SIX

TODAY, NOVEMBER 14 • 4 PM **CHURCH**

The Gesualdo Six, one of the UK's most exciting new vocal groups, brings their jaw-dropping sound to a fascinating program of polyphony.

MEN'S BBQ & FELLOWSHIP

TODAY, NOVEMBER 14 • 5–7 PM **GREAT HALL**

Guys, come for fellowship, BBQ, and hear from Dr. Ken Wilgus about the pressures that Christian men face in seeking to lead their families through challenges from a world that is increasingly hostile to the Christian worldview.

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

SUN, NOV. 14 & 21 • 10:20 AM **MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

Through active involvement in liturgy, the Spirit shapes us more into the likeness of Christ. Join us for an instructed eucharist.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

WEDNESDAYS • 12 NOON **MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

This weekly service of Holy Communion includes the ancient Christian practice of laying on hands and anointing those seeking healing as well as a brief homily.

PARENTS, JOIN US FOR DINNER & GET FED

THU, NOVEMBER 18 • 7 PM **WELCOME CENTER**

Parents of all ages and stages come and get fed: literally and spiritually. Megan Michelson from the Birds & the Bees will lead a Bible-centered discussion on how to have 'the talk' with our kids.

THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTIAN ART

BEGINS SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 28 • 10:20 AM
EDUCATION BLDG, ROOM 205

Explore how Christians understood the Bible and theology, and how they set the direction for Christian art in the Byzantine and Medieval periods and beyond.

GOOD BOOKS GOOD TALK

SUN, NOVEMBER 28 • 5 PM **ED BLDG, ROOM 205**

Alice's *Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll is witty and charming, upside-down and haunting: this children's classic is not just for children.



EVENTS DETAILS & REGISTRATION
INCARNATION.ORG/EVENTS

A graphic for Advent Family Night featuring four lit candles (one pink, three purple) on a green base with the word 'Advent' in cursive. Below the candles, the text 'ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT' is written in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'Sunday, December 5 at 4 pm' in a smaller, orange, cursive font. At the bottom, the text 'Worship at Choral Evensong in the Church, then join us in the Great Hall for food, fellowship, crafts, and Advent resources for families!' is written in white.

**ADVENT
FAMILY NIGHT**
Sunday, December 5 at 4 pm

Worship at Choral Evensong in the Church, then join us in the Great Hall for food, fellowship, crafts, and Advent resources for families!

A graphic for the Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols featuring a red background with a white banner that reads 'A FESTIVAL OF NINE Lessons & Carols' in green. Below the banner, the text 'SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 12 & 19 • CHURCH' is written in white, followed by '4:30 PM ORGAN PRELUDE • 5 PM SERVICE' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

**A FESTIVAL OF NINE
Lessons
&
Carols**

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 12 & 19 • CHURCH
4:30 PM ORGAN PRELUDE • 5 PM SERVICE



CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

12 PM

Holy Eucharist with Choir

2 PM

*Family Service
with the Incarnation Choristers*

*Contemporary Eucharist
with the Uptown Band*

5 PM

*Holy Eucharist
with the Incarnation Choir & Brass*

*Contemporary Eucharist
with the Uptown Band*

10:30 PM

*High Mass
with Incense, the Incarnation Choir, & Brass*

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 AM

*Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord
with Holy Eucharist*



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. 992, Proper 28.

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