



CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

November 28, 2021

*Contemporary Service*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GREAT LITANY

*All kneel.*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*All: Have mercy upon us*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*All: Have mercy upon us*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*All: Have mercy upon us*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*All: Have mercy upon us*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

*All: Spare us, good Lord*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

**From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,**  
*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

**By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,**  
*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

**By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost,**  
*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

**In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,**  
*All: Good Lord, deliver us*

**We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

**That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

**That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

**That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

**That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

**That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

**That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,**  
*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

*All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

*All:* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*All:* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*All:* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

*All:* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

*All:* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*All:* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All:* Have mercy upon us

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All:* Have mercy upon us

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All:* Grant us thy peace

O Christ, hear us.

*All:* O Christ, hear us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All:* Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Refrain*

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, O Wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in its ways to go

*Refrain*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory over the grave.

*Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain 2x*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with your spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## THE LESSON

Micah 4:1–4, 6–7

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. In that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant; and those who were cast off a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and for evermore.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 25**

To you, Lord, I lift my soul  
I will trust the one who steadies me  
I will wait and have no shame  
As you make me to know your ways  
All my days are yours

*Chorus*

*Take me by the hand and lead me in your truth  
Teach my soul to rest only in you  
For you are the one who saves all the length of my days  
My hope rests only in You*

Forever I will fix my eyes  
On the rock who stands much higher  
You defend, you call me friend  
You have marked me with your righteousness  
Your presence is my home

*Chorus*

You are good Lord  
Steadfast is your love

*Chorus*

## THE EPISTLE

Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–13

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."



And Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

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

## **SERMON**

Fr. Thomas Kincaid

### **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.

### **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

*There Will Be a Day*

*The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

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| There will be a day when the house of God        | <i>Chorus</i>   |
| Like a mountain over the hills will be lifted up | <i>When we'll go to the mountain of God</i>                 |
| As a river flows ever to the sea                 | <i>We'll walk in His ways</i>                               |
| All the nations will flow to Him                 | <i>We'll look on His face</i>                               |
| like a living stream                             | <i>We'll go to the mountain of God</i>                      |
|  | <i>We'll cast down our pride</i>                            |
| There will be a day when the prince of peace     | <i>And walk in His light on the mountain of God</i>         |
| Will break the bow and sword                     | <i>There will be a day, and it's drawing near</i>           |
| and make all wars cease                          | <i>When He'll lift the veil of death and</i>                |
| And our guns and bombs will be melted down       | <i>He'll dry our tears</i>                                  |
| Into plowshares for the harvest, how             | <i>And with joy we'll go to His wedding feast</i>           |
| we're longing for it now                         | <i>And His glory will fill up the earth like the waters</i> |
|  | <i>fill the sea</i>   |

*Chorus*

## 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

I Wait

Oh restless heart, do not grow weary  
Hold on to faith and wait  
The God of love, He will not tarry  
He is never late

### *Chorus*

*So I wait in the promise  
I wait in the hope  
Yes, I wait in the power  
Of God's unending love  
Be still and rest secure, my soul  
He knows what's best for me  
Here in my patience lies the goal  
To wait and trust in Thee*

### *Chorus*

Even through my imperfections  
His light is shining through  
Though dim I am still a reflection  
Of mercy and the Truth

### *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.

**INCARNATION.ORG/POINSETTIAS**

*Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 5.*

### SEND IN YOUR VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Parish members in good standing should participate in the Vestry nominating process by December 21. Five parishioners are elected annually to the Vestry for a three-year term. Be sure to get prior consent of the person whom you wish to nominate, then jump online to submit your nomination: [incarnation.org/vestry-nomination](http://incarnation.org/vestry-nomination).

### THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTIAN ART

SUNDAYS • 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**  
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# St. Nicholas Sunday

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

9 & 11:15 AM

Children will place their shoes outside of their Sunday classrooms while St. Nicholas visits for a special treat!



A FESTIVAL OF NINE

*Lessons*  
&

*Carols*

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



*Sunday, December 5 at 4pm*

Worship at Choral Evensong in the Church with a special children's sermon, then join us in the Great Hall to enjoy food, fellowship, crafts, Advent resources, and singing carols along with other families!

## SILVER SAINTS **CHRISTMAS EVE GATHERING**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
1-3 PM • GREAT HALL

Senior adults and their friends are invited to a *come-and-go* celebration with eggnog, wine, and savories after the 12 pm Christmas Eve Service!

If you can make it, please let Carol Kadel know by Tuesday, December 14 at 214-217-5610.



## 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](http://incarnation.org/enews).



### WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 994, Proper 29.

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