



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Contemporary Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

You're our joy
You're our hope

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

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.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

SONG

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

*And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

Verse 2

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Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love,
it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
and it will not be shaken

Chorus

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are*

Chorus

Bridge

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by
patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the
blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

THE LESSON

2 Kings 22:8–10; 23:1–3

Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, “Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD.” Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king. Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book; and all

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50

The Mighty One, God the Lord speaks
And summons all the Earth
From the rising of the Sun
to the place where it sets
From Zion, perfect in beauty
God shines forth
God shine forth, God shines forth

Our God comes and will not be silent
A fire devours before Him
And around Him a tempest rages
And around Him a tempest rages
And around Him a tempest rages

He summons the heavens above
and all the Earth
That He may judge His people
“Gather to Me my consecrated ones

Who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice”
And the heavens proclaim His righteousness
And the heavens proclaim His righteousness
And the heavens proclaim His righteousness

For God Himself is Judge
For God Himself is Judge
For God Himself is Judge
Selah

THE EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name"; and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and further Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

O Come O Come Emmanuel, v. 6

O come, O come, great Lord of mighty
Who to thy tribes on Siani's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop, for George our Bishop and Michael and Frasier, our assisting Bishops, Bishop Anthony, our Rector, and the clergy of this parish and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president, and the congress and courts of justice, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you O Lord. For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

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

How Long?

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

How long, will You turn Your face away
How long, do You hear us when we pray
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way, how long

How long, till Your children find the rest
How long, till You draw them to Your breast
We go on holding to your promises, how long

Chorus

*Till you wipe away the tears from every eyes
Till we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again*

How long, till Your word will still the storm
How long, till You bare Your mighty arm
How we grow, till You snatch us from the thorns, how long

Chorus

Amen, Jesus, Come

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 put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

Chorus

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

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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THIS SUNDAY

St. Nicholas Sunday

THIS MORNING

9 & 11:15 AM

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



FAMILY NIGHT

Today, beginning at 4 pm

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!

THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTIAN ART

*An Advent Sunday School Class
with Dr. Benjamin Lima*

SUNDAYS • 10:20 AM ED. 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.

LAST CHANCE, DEADLINE TODAY!



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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COMING UP

ANGEL TREE GIFT DROP-OFF NIGHT



THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
6-8 PM • WELCOME CENTER

Join us for fellowship in celebration of this ministry with convenient gift drop-off along with seasonal snacks, activities, and entertainment for adults and children alike.

LEARN MORE OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP:
INCARNATION.ORG/ANGEL-TREE

If you are unable to attend, you may drop off your gifts at the Welcome Center portecochère on Monday, December 6, and Tuesday, December 7 between 10 am and 1 pm.



EVENTS DETAILS & REGISTRATION
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A FESTIVAL OF NINE

Lessons

&

Carols

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



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.



WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 912, Advent 2.

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