



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

Traditional Service

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The 7:30 am service is spoken with no music.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in F, BuxWV 156

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit: *Gaudete in Domino*

REJOICE in the LORD, and again I say, rejoice ye: let your moderation be known unto all men, the LORD is at hand. Be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God. *Ps.* LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Hymn 78

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the Summary of the Law.

Kyrie

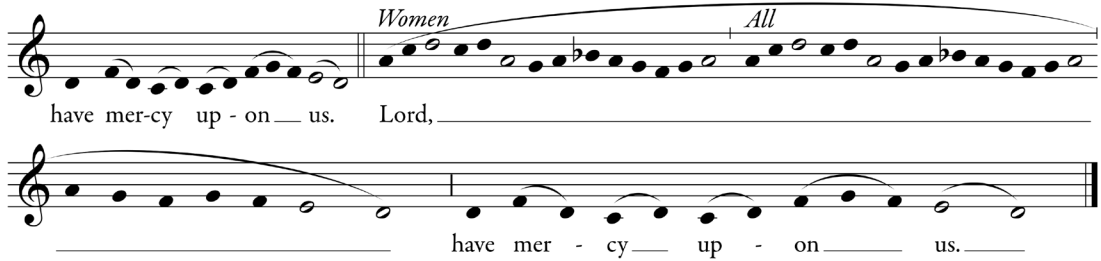
The Kyrie is written for four staves, alternating between Women and Men. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in a simple, melodic style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the words "Lord" and "Christ".

Women Lord, _____ have mer-cy up-on _____ us. *Men* Lord, _____ have mer-cy up-on _____ us.

Women Lord, _____ have mer-cy up-on _____ us. *Men* Christ, have mer-cy up-on _____ us.

Women Christ, _____ have mer-cy up-on _____ us. *Men* Christ, have mer-cy up-on _____ us.

Women Lord, _____ have mer-cy up-on _____ us. *Men* Lord, _____



The Collects

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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 thy 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 the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

THE wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; *
 shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.
 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses, *
 stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
 Turn us again, O God; *
 shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
 O LORD God of hosts, *
 how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, *
 and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
 shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The Epistle *[not read at 9 am]*

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

THIS is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-10

Deacon

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Each petition concludes

Deacon Lord, in thy mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude in this way

Deacon Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Motet

FUIT homo missus a Deo,
cui nomen erat Ioannes.
Hic venit in testimonium
Perhiberet de lumine,
Et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

*Lo, there came a man, sent from God,
whose name was John.
He came to testify on earth,
that he might testify to bear witness to the light,
And prepare for God the Lord a perfect people.*

Based on John 1:6–8

Doxology

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation for 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING' consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts indicated above the staves.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

Staff 4: People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav-en and earth are full of thy glo - ry:
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

Communion Devotions

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People say the Lord's Prayer.

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.


People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.

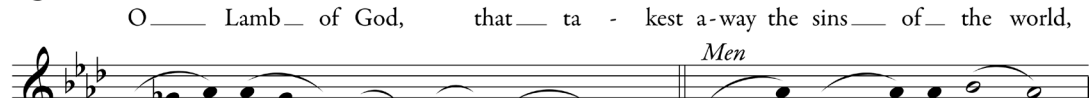
Agnus Dei

Women

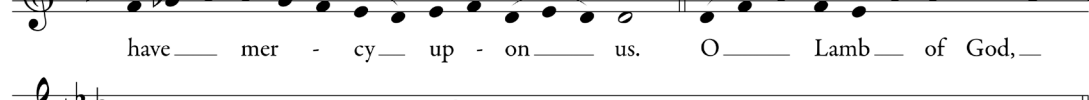


O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a-way the sins of the world,

Men

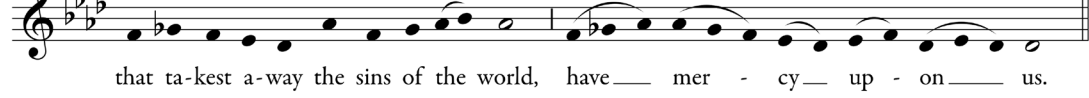


have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,




that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a-way the sins of the world,



grant us thy peace.

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 and 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 and the priest will give you a blessing.

For those with a medical need, Wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice is available at the Low Altar.

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.

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

Motet

Anon., 16th cent.

REJOICE in the Lord alway and again I say: rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men; the Lord is even at hand.
Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication,
Let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Philippians 4:4-7

Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 76

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in G major ('Gigue'), BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Altar Arrangements

Are given to the glory of God...

in loving memory of Erin MacKenzie Peck

Lessons & Carols

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols will be offered this afternoon at 5 pm sung by the Incarnation Choir and Incarnation Choristers. Music will include works by Vaughan Williams, Sowerby, Willcocks, Darke, Carter, Berlioz, Edwards, and Mathias. The service is preceded by an organ prelude at 4:30 featuring works of Sowerby, J.S. Bach, Langlais, and Buxtehude. All are welcome and no ticket is required. Free childcare is provided.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE

Lessons

&

Carols

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



BACH'S LUNCH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
12:15 PM • CHURCH

This program features the Advent cantata *Schwingt freudig euch empor*, BWV 36 along with the Advent chorale preludes from the *Orgelbüchlein* collection. Please join us for this free concert of beautiful Advent music by Bach!

Children's CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
10:20 AM • GREAT HALL

Come join the choristers and children of Incarnation as they retell the classic Christmas story. Cookie and hot chocolate reception to follow.



SILVER SAINTS CHRISTMASEVE 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

Holy Eucharist with Hymns



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. 939, Advent 3.

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