



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Contemporary Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG

King of Heaven

Jesus, let Your kingdom come here	We are children of Your mercy
Let Your will be done here in us	Rescued for Your glory
Jesus, there is no one greater	We cry, Jesus set our hearts towards You
You alone are Savior, show the world Your love	Every eye would see You lifted high

Chorus

*King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign, shining light the day
King of heaven come
King of Heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save in Your mighty name
King of Heaven come*

Chorus

*King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come*

Chorus

OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	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

Drive Out the Darkness

Chorus

Come, O Come

Be our light

Drive out the darkness

Come, Jesus, Come

Every year under the thorn

Every wrong that we have known

Every valley will be raised

Ancient ruins will be remains

Chorus

Every weapon made for war

Every gun and every sword

Will be melted in the flame

To be used for gardening

Chorus

In the emptiness of grief

Through the night of suffering

In the loss and in the tears

God of comfort, O be near

Chorus

Come, and end all the violence

Come, do not be silence

Come, cling to your promise

Come, break all injustice

Come, Jesus, Come

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray you, your power, and come among us, and with great might support us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered by our sins running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

Isaiah 40:1–9

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145

I will bless You all of my days, Lord
I will praise You always, my God and King
I will bless and honor Your name, Lord
Always and forever, my soul will sing

Such a vast, unsearchable greatness
Great is Yahweh, worthy of all our praise
Let Your people sound through the ages
All Your awesome works 'til the end of days

We have seen Your splendor and glory
We have seen Your wonders and stand amazed
Every tongue will echo Your story
Everyone will sing of Your righteous ways
O let all that lives ever bless His name

All that You have made, Lord, will praise You
All Your saints will worship in joyful strain
Praise the Lord, who ransoms and rescues
Praise the God of glory, who ever reigns

He is holy, judging the wicked
Guarding those that love Him
and fear His name
All that call out, Yahweh is with them
He will hear their cries, He is strong to save

He upholds the one who is stumbling
Lifting up those burdened with heavy loads
Opening His hand to the hungry
Blessing all that look to their Lord and hope!

He is tender toward His creation
He is faithful gracious in all He does
Great is Yahweh, full of compassion
Slow to anger, filled with unfailing love
O let all that lives ever bless His name!

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

O Come O Come Emmanuel, v. 8

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid thou our sad divisions cease
And be thyself our King of Peace

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

THE GOSPEL

John 1:19–28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No." They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Father Jon Jordan

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

New Jerusalem

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Somewhere we know but haven't been
Like a song forgotten
A place prepared beyond the end
Our home in New Jerusalem

A palace made of promises
A garden and a fortress
A world that's build on what You said
Our home in New Jerusalem
Our home in New Jerusalem

Standing there in purest light
With no more pain and no more night
He holds the tears her eyes have cried
The bride of New Jerusalem

Who filled with love would give His life
To save His one and only bride
Who's name is true and lifted high
The King of New Jerusalem
The King of New Jerusalem

His will is done His Kingdom come
Eternity has just begun
The multitude will sing as one
The song of New Jerusalem

A music free from bars or time
A symphony of His design
The Lamb of God enthroned on high
The hope of New Jerusalem
The hope of New Jerusalem

Somewhere we know but haven't been
Like a song forgotten
A place prepared beyond the end
Our home in New Jerusalem

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

He's calling His bride
To open her eyes
To see her condition
And be purified

He's stirring His church
He's searching the earth
For those who are ready
For his return

Chorus

*Come prepare the way
The king is coming, the king is coming
Come prepare the way
And see His glory, the king is coming*

He's calling His bride
To open her eyes
To come with intention
And be sanctified

He's stirring His church
He's searching the earth
Hear the voice in the wilderness
That calls for repentance
We make straight the highway
A path for the Lord

Prepare the Way

Chorus

He's tearing down our kingdoms
They're crumbling to the ground
He's burning up our idols
The King is coming
For a broken generation
The saints are cry out
They're hungry for revival
The King is coming

He's pouring out His spirit
There's fire in His eyes
He's waking up His people
The King is coming
All the earth is groaning
He's sending every sign
He's coming for His children
The King is coming

Chorus

Come prepare the way
Come prepare the way
Come prepare the way
The king is coming

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 Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children's CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

TODAY
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.



A FESTIVAL OF NINE
Lessons
&
Carols

TODAY • CHURCH
4:30 PM ORGAN PRELUDE • 5 PM SERVICE

— *An Evening of Two Recitals* —

THE COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS OF CÉSAR FRANCK

— *performed by Scott Dettra* —

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

Scott Dettra, kicks off a 16-city national tour of César Franck's complete organ works, played from memory in two recitals, to mark the bicentennial of the composer's birth. The recitals are free to attend and will be at 4:30 and 7:30 pm.

A catered French dinner and a lecture by SMU professor, Christopher Anderson, will be held in the Welcome Center between the recitals at a cost. For more information on registration for the dinner and lecture, please visit incarnation.org/franck.

EPIPHANY NIGHT

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 9 AT 4 PM

Join us for Choral Evensong in the Church, followed by burning of the greens, blessing of chalk, and dinner in the Great Hall.





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 4.

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