



CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 19, 2021

*Traditional Service*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

## Organ Voluntary

*Fantasia on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Heathcote Statham (1889–1973)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### Introit: *Rorate, celi*

**D**ROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Savior. *Ps.* The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

### Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

*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.*

### Kyrie

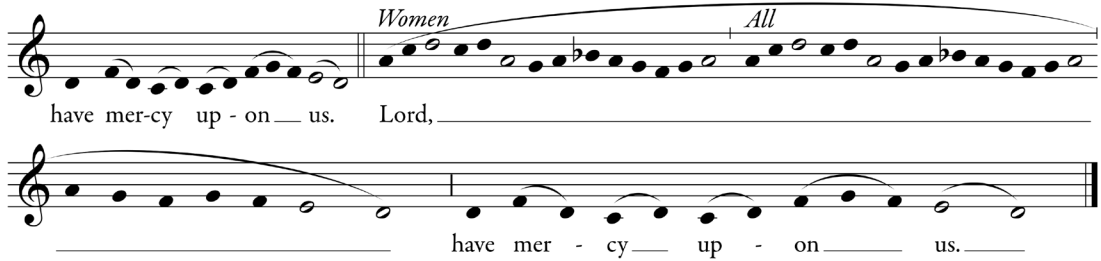
The Kyrie musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation is divided into two columns: 'Women' on the left and 'Men' on the right. Each staff has a double bar line separating the two columns. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where the notes are placed over the words. The lyrics for the first three staves are: 'Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.' and 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.' The lyrics for the fourth staff are: 'Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.' and 'Lord, \_\_\_\_\_'.

*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, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 40:1-9

**C**OMFORT, 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!"

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 145:17-21**

*Anglican Chant* by Thomas Hanforth (1897-1948)

**T**HE LORD is righteous in all his ways, \*  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him; \*  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.  
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; \*  
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.  
The LORD preserveth all them that love him; \*  
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

**The Epistle** *[not read at 9 am]*

Philippians 4:4-7

**R**EJOICE 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.

*People*           The Word of the Lord.  
                      Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 67**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

*Psalm 42*

**The Gospel**

John 1:19-28

*Deacon*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.  
*People*       Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**T**HIS 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.

*People*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
                      Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON**

Deacon Dorothy Budd

## 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.

**A**Lmighty 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.*

### Anthem

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

THIS is the record of John,  
When the Jews sent priests  
and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,  
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?  
And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet?  
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,  
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.

*John 1:19–23*

### 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

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*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*

**W**E 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

Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

**A**TENDER shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*O. Goldschmidt, tr. William Bartholomew*

## Hymn 71

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

*Bristol*

## CONCLUDING RITES

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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 59**

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Andrew Carter (b.1939)

## *Altar Arrangements*

*Are given to the glory of God...*

in loving memory of  
Susan & Waldo Powell, Nancy Wright Small  
and Roger Leo Rodriquez

## *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.*

# 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](http://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](http://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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