



CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

December 26, 2021

*Contemporary Service*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## SONG

*Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders and wonders of His love

Joy to the world the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

## 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.

## SONG

## *Angels From the Realm of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight over all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Sages, leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
You have seen his guiding star

Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn King

Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King  
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Shepherds, in the fields abiding  
Watching over your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shine the infant light

Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn King  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn King

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, who has given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSON

Isaiah 62:10–12

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called sought out, a city not forsaken.

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

## PSALM 45

My heart burst at its banks  
Spilling with beauty and goodness  
I pour it out as a song to my King  
Shaping the rivers into words

What grace pours from your lips  
The sound calls the midnight to morning  
The melody turns my winter into spring  
I echo it now in my worship

Ten thousand strong  
You're the fairest of all  
Fairest in heaven and earth  
Of the children of men  
You're the fairest of them  
Fairest in heaven and earth

Your heart burst at the seams  
Flowing with blood and with water  
A song of love pouring out  
from the tree singing  
For the joy set before me

You ransomed Your bride  
On the day that You died  
Ascended to heaven in glory  
She stand clothed in white  
With her head lifted high singing  
Come and return in Your glory  
(repeat)

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

Galatians 4:1–7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE

*Simeon's Song*

Hush your crying now blessed one  
I've been waiting for you oh so long  
Just to hold you in my arms  
Makes my heart rejoice

My eyes have seen the Messiah  
For Christ has finally come  
As the prophets foretold  
The kingdom of God has come  
The kingdom of God has come  
The kingdom of God has come

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–25

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SEQUENCE

*Simeon's Song*

Perfect beautiful holy babe  
I've longed to see your face  
Promised hope of Israel  
You will be the light

My eyes have seen the Messiah  
For Christ has finally come  
As the prophets foretold  
The kingdom of God has come  
The kingdom of God has come  
The kingdom of God has come

**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* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*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

*Flesh & Bone*

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

Love, what have you done?  
Sent our your Son into the dark  
How could you let go, didn't you know it would break your heart?

*Chorus*

*You abandoned heaven's throne when you took our flesh and bone  
You have claimed our wandering souls when you made this world your home  
And You made my heart your own*

Love, what have I done?  
Why do I run into the dark?  
Didn't I know all that I've done would break your heart?  
And you'd have to go so far

*Chorus*

Can you hear us sing: Praise the newborn King  
Heaven and earth cried: Glory, Glory  
You cracked the heaven's wall, so we can step inside  
We can't stop singing: Glory, Glory

*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

*God With Us*

You've come to bring peace  
To be love, to be nearer to us us  
You've come to breathe life  
To be light, to shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

*Chorus*  
*Our deliverer*  
*You are Savior*  
*In Your presence*  
*We find our strength*  
*Over everything*  
*Our redemption*  
*God with us*

You are God with us

You've come to be hope  
To this world  
For Your honor and name  
You've come to take sin

To bear shame  
And to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel, oh God with us

*Chorus*

You are God with us

You are here  
You are holy  
We are standing  
In Your glory  
(repeat 4x)

*Chorus 2x*

You are God with us  
You are God with us  
You are God with us

## 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.

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A sepia-toned portrait of César Franck, an elderly man with a full white beard and hair, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a bow tie. He is looking slightly to the left.

— *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

Everyone is invited to Choral Evensong in the Church, followed by burning of the greens, blessing of chalk, and dinner in the Great Hall.





## INCARNATION 101 *take the first step*

### WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION?

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 • 12:30 PM** ED BLDG, ROOM 205

Come get to know the clergy and staff, learn more ways to get involved, and what membership at Incarnation means! Childcare & lunch provided with RSVP: [INCARNATION.ORG/101](https://www.incarnation.org/101)

## WELCOME

*Have any questions?*

Visiting for the first time 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

Receive up-to-date announcements and information about upcoming events each week.  
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### WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 941, Christmas 1.

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