



# A New Story

WHAT STORY ARE  
YOU LIVING IN?

## CHURCH *of the* **INCARNATION**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

March 20, 2022

*Contemporary Service*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## SONG

### *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth  
seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo,  
his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,  
from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him  
Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,

His kingdom is forever  
His kingdom is forever  
His kingdom is forever

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives our sins  
*People* His mercy endures forever. 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**

Jesus said "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

## **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.*

## **SONG**

*Have Mercy*

Have mercy on me! Have mercy on me!  
O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy!

Oh help my unbelief! Oh help my unbelief!  
O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy!

Have mercy on me! Have mercy on me!  
O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy!

## THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We pray you, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your Majesty, to be our defense against all our enemies; 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 and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSON

Numbers 22:21–31

Balaam rose in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. But God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the ass, and his two servants were with him. And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the road, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn her into the road. Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she pushed against the wall, and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. Then the angel of the LORD went ahead, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with his staff. Then the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" And Balaam said to the ass, "Because you have made sport of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you." And the ass said to Balaam, "Am I not your ass, upon which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Was I ever accustomed to do so to you?" And he said, "No." Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 9

*Chorus*

*The needy will not be forsaken,  
And the hope of the poor will not die;  
For God who is mighty in judgment  
Does not forget their cry!*

Have pity on me, O Lord;  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;  
So that I may tell of all your praises  
and rejoice in your salvation  
in the gates of the city of Zion.

*Chorus*

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug,  
and in the snare they set  
is their own foot caught.  
The Lord is known by his acts of justice;  
the wicked are trapped in the works  
of their own hands.  
The wicked shall be given over to the grave,  
and also all the peoples that forget God.

*Chorus*

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor  
shall not perish for ever.  
Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly  
have the upper hand;  
let them be judged before you.  
Put fear upon them, O Lord;  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

*Chorus*

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:1–14

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is fitting among saints. Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

*(continued overleaf)*

For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **SEQUENCE**

*We Long To See You*

Almighty God, we long to see you;  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;  
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

## **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 11:14–28

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was casting out a demon that was dumb; when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons"; while others, to test him, sought from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace; but when one stronger than he assails him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoil. He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **SEQUENCE**

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Almighty God, we long to see you;  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;  
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## **SERMON**

The Reverend Dr. Wesley Hill,  
*Visiting Scripture Theologian-In-Residence*

## **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* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **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**

*Let Us Be Known*

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

Let us be known by our love  
In every word, in every deed honor the Son  
Let our light shine in every eye  
Let us be known by our love

For the glory of the Father  
For the glory of the Son  
For the glory of the Spirit  
Let us be known by our love

Let us be known by our joy  
In every home, in every heart sing to the Lord  
Let our life show goodness and hope  
Let us be known by our joy

For the glory of the Father  
For the glory of the Son  
For the glory of the Spirit  
Let us be known by our joy  
Let us be known by our peace  
In every town, in every tribe Jesus is King  
Let us go forth, heal and restore  
Let us be known by our peace

For the glory of the Father  
For the glory of the Son  
For the glory of the Spirit  
Let us be known by our peace

## **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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## 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

*The Lord Is My Light*

The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Whom shall I fear?

*Chorus*

*Whom shall I fear?*

*Whom shall I fear*

*The Lord is the strength of my life*

*Whom shall I fear?*

In the time of trouble, He shall hide me  
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me  
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me  
Whom shall I fear?

## 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.

*Chorus*

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage  
Whom shall I fear?

*Chorus 2x*



# NOTES

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# A New Story

WHAT STORY ARE YOU LIVING IN?

We continue *A New Story* sermon series and ask the question each week: *What story are you living in?* Today, we explore *A New Story of Imitation* with Scripture verses that deal with imitation in Numbers 22:21-31 and Ephesians 5:1-14.

## LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

SUNDAYS THROUGH APRIL 10 • 10:20 AM  
EDUCATION BUILDING, ROOM 205

Join us for a parish-wide 6-week Lenten Sunday school class *Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John* taught by the Rev. Dr. Wes Hill, Associate Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI).

## INCARNATION.ORG/LENT

Visit the website to stay up to date on activities and offerings this Lent.

## EASTER LILIES FOR OUR ALTAR

This Easter, Incarnation will be adorned with beautiful lilies through your generous donations to remember and honor your loved ones. The deadline is March 28. [incarnation.org/lilies](http://incarnation.org/lilies)

## GOOD BOOKS GOOD TALK: CHILDREN OF MEN

TODAY • 5 PM ED BLDG, ROOM 205

*Children of Men* by P. D. James is an unusual book and is prescient. Written in 1992 and set in England of 2021, it depicts a world of infertility: no children at all have been born for some two decades. Read the book and join Fr. Victor Austin for discussion with the group.

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 • 6 PM

ED BLDG, YOUTH AREA (BASEMENT LEVEL)

Students in grades 6-12, bring your friends and come join Incarnation for an evening of fun, food, and worship. We look forward to sharing this special time with you! Please contact Donna Stack if you have any questions.

## STATIONS IN THE STREET AND COMMUNITY FISH FRY

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 • 6 PM

ALONG MCKINNEY AVE. AND NORTH LOT

Join us for Stations in the Street in front of the church on McKinney Avenue followed by a Community Fish Fry at 6 pm in the North Lot.

## INCARNATUS CONCERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 • 7:30 PM CHURCH

Incarnation's concert choir, Incarnatus, presents a program entitled "Mater Dolorosa," featuring three settings of the 13th-century hymn Stabat Mater.

## LENTEN LECTURE AND RECEPTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 • 5 PM

ASCENSION CHAPEL & RITTENMEYER GALLERY

As we approach the events of Holy Week, this lecture titled "The Gift That Surprises: The Grace of God in the Letters of Paul" by the Rev. Dr. Wes Hill will explain why Paul's teaching on grace was disturbingly provocative in his own context and how it can once more grip us as we hear the apostle preach the good news of God's free gift in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ today. A wine and cheese reception in Rittenmeyer Gallery to follow the lecture.

## STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Students can sign up today to hold a spot for this incredible hands-on experience to minister to the local neighborhood, serve the church, and strengthen relationships while earning credits towards Beach Camp this summer on July 18-22! Orientation is June 5. Contact Drew Crowson at [dcrowson@incarnation.org](mailto:dcrowson@incarnation.org).

## VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

*Discovery on Adventure Island* Vacation Bible School kicks off on Sunday evening, June 12, with a family dinner, info packet pick-up, and elements from the first-day curriculum. There are plenty of engaging opportunities for adults to volunteer. Visit [incarnation.org/vbs](http://incarnation.org/vbs) for details and registration.

EVENT INFO & REGISTRATION  
[INCARNATION.ORG/EVENTS](http://INCARNATION.ORG/EVENTS)

# 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.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY

Stop by the Education Building on Sunday morning to check out nursery care and classes for your children.



### NURSERY

8:45 am–12:30 pm  
*Infants to Age 2*

### DISCIPLESHIP

9 & 11:15 am  
*Pre-K to 2nd Grade*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:20 am

- Godly Play! – *Pre-K to 1st Grade*
- First Communion – *2nd Grade*
- 3rd–5th Grade

## WEEKLY ENEWS

Receive announcements and up-to-date information about events each week. 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. 955, Lent 3.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 8 AM TO 4 PM**

Sign up today for landscaping, construction, painting, fine arts, or community service projects and find meaningful service at this annual event. Registration closes March 25.

Childcare **will be** provided this year for ages 1-5 years old. Grade school students (K-5th) **must** work with a parent in 'Community Service Projects' and must be registered. After signing yourself up, please go back and register your child(ren). Visit [incarnation.org/dos](http://incarnation.org/dos) for details and registration.

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