



# A New Story

WHAT STORY ARE  
YOU LIVING IN?

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

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

April 3, 2022

*Contemporary Service*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## SONG

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

## 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."

## SONG

*Come As You Are*

Come out of sadness  
From wherever you've been  
Come broken hearted  
Let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy  
Oh sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal

### *Chorus*

*So lay down your burdens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are broken  
Lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt  
Lay down your heart  
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table  
Come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't cure

### *Chorus*

There's joy for the morning  
Oh sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal

### *Chorus*

Come as you are  
Come as you are  
Come as you are  
Come as you are

## 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 COLLECTS OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We pray you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon your people; that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ 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. *Amen.*

## THE LESSON

Exodus 24:4–8

Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 143

*Chorus*

*Lord, hear my prayer, my anxious cry  
My spirit faints as I call to you  
My enemies will crush my life  
If you delay your reply to me  
Do not hide your face from me*

Lord, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed  
my supplications;  
answer me in your righteousness.  
Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for in your sight shall no one living  
be justified.  
For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground;  
he has made me live in dark places  
like those who are long dead.

*Chorus*

My spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is desolate.  
I remember the time past;  
muse upon all your deeds;  
consider the works of your hands.  
spread out my hands to you;  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

O Lord, make haste to answer me;  
my spirit fails me;  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those who go down  
to the Pit.

*Chorus*

Let me hear of your loving kindness in the  
morning,  
for I put my trust in you;  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.  
Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord,  
for I flee to you for refuge.  
Teach me to do what pleases you,  
for you are my God;  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.  
Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake;  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me  
out of trouble.  
Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught,  
for truly I am your servant.

*Chorus*

## THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:11–15

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

*(continued overleaf)*

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

*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**

John 8:46–59

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? He who is of God hears the words of God; the reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I have not a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it and he will be the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if any one keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, as did the prophets; and you say, 'If any one keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is your God. But you have not known him; I know him. If I said, I do not know him, I should be a liar like you; but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad." The Jews then said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.



## SEQUENCE

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## SERMON

The Right Reverend Anthony J. Burton

## 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. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
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.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
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.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
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.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
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.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
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

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

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

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot;  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt;  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## 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

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Chorus*

*Oh! Precious is the flow,  
That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## 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.

## *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*

### *Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Chorus*

Glory! Glory! This I sing;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
All my praise for this I bring;  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Chorus*

# NOTES

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# A New Story

WHAT STORY ARE YOU LIVING IN?

Today's sermon explores *The New Story*. In Hebrews 9:11-15 and John 8:46-59, we return to our original starting place—*We need to live in his big story, not our own small one*. We flourish only in Christ, following him into the more perfect tent (in the words of Hebrews).

## LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

SUNDAYS • 10:20 AM ED. BLDG., ROOM 205

Join the Lenten Sunday school class *Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John* taught by the Rev. Dr. Wes Hill.

## AFTER HUMANITY LECTURE

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 • 6:15 PM ASCENSION CHAPEL

Join Michael Ward as he presents on his book *After Humanity: A Guide to C.S. Lewis's Abolition of Man*, explaining both its general context and the circumstances in Lewis's life that gave rise to it.

## DISCIPLINOW WEEKEND

APRIL 8-10 HOST HOMES

A weekend retreat that is full of surprises that draw students closer to God and create an environment for friendships to grow. Sign up and invite some friends—games, study, food, fun activities with friends, and small group worship. [incarnation.org/dnow](http://incarnation.org/dnow)

## DAY OF SERVICE

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. Visit [incarnation.org/dos](http://incarnation.org/dos) for details and registration.

## LENTEN LECTURE AND RECEPTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 • 5 PM ASCENSION CHAPEL

The Rev. Dr. Wes Hill's will explain why Paul's teaching on grace was disturbingly provocative in his own context and how it can once more grip us. 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)



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. To commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the 9 and 11:15 am worship services will form a procession at Cole Park and walk across McKinney Ave together to enter the church through the Welcome Center.

We will supply the palms and donkey. Be sure to arrive early, park, and head across the street to the north end of the park to participate in the procession. View more Holy Week details on the website:

[INCARNATION.ORG/HOLY-WEEK](http://INCARNATION.ORG/HOLY-WEEK)





# 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 5.



Participate in the search for our next rector. A parish survey is available to gather all your thoughts and advice to be used as we proceed in the discernment process. The survey takes 30 minutes or less to complete and must be submitted no later than Thursday, April 21.

Your feedback is completely anonymous and will provide the search committee with great insight into who we will call to be our next rector. Scan the QR code or visit [incarnation.org/parish-survey](http://incarnation.org/parish-survey).



For questions, seek help in the Welcome Center on Sundays at 10:20 am.

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