



CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 15, 2021**

*Contemporary Service*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## SONG

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## 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

*His Mercy Is More*

- Chorus* Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
- Verse 1* What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
- Verse 2* What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
- Verse 3* What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord God, you show your Almighty power most of all in showing mercy and pity: grant us such a measure of your grace that in carrying out your commandments we may obtain your promises and share in your heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## READING

1 Kings 3:5–15

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL SONG

*Psalm 28*

*Verse 1*      Oh God, oh my God  
Turn your ear toward me  
For if you stay silent  
I'll go down in despair  
I'll go down, down in despair

*Verse 2*      Would you hear my cry  
Would you show me your mercy  
As I lift up my hands  
To your holiest place  
To your holiest place

*Verse 3*      For you are my strength  
And you are my shield  
My fortress, my salvation  
Oh my heart trusts in you  
And my heart trusts in you

*Verse 4*      And praise be to you  
For you hear all my prayers  
Oh God, oh my God  
I know you will carry me  
I know you will carry me

## GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–14

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

Fr. Oliver Lee

## 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.

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.*

## **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**

### **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

*Be Thou My Vision*

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

- Verse 1*      Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
- Verse 2*      Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one
- Chorus*      O Lord of my heart, My treasure Thou art  
May Thou only be first in my heart
- Verse 3*      High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all
- Tag*          Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

## 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.

### **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.

*Persons who wish to have the Holy Eucharist brought to them in their pew should notify an usher.*

## SONG

*Have Mercy On Me*

- Verse 1*      The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord  
With every breath we take, the gift of life and grace  
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord  
Who bore humanity with brave humility
- Refrain*      Let Your mercy flow through us  
Your mercy, Your mercy
- Verse 2*      The beauty of the Lord is the suffering of the Lord  
Is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity  
The glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord  
Gives life for us to see a new humanity
- Bridge 1*      When they see us, may they see Your mercy, Your mercy  
When they know us, may they know Your mercy, Your mercy
- Bridge 2*      Bless the hands and feet of those who serve in need  
Of the broken and ashamed  
Bless the weary soul, the Lord will make us whole  
God, speak peace to those afraid  
May the words we speak build a bridge for peace  
Your loving kindness shows the way  
Open up our doors, giving refuge for all the weary and afraid

## 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*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

# — INCARNATION 2021 — HOMECOMING

LET'S RECONNECT THIS AUGUST

## SUNDAY DRAFT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 • 10:15 AM**

WELCOME CENTER & RITTENMEYER GALLERY

Welcome to the Sunday Draft! It's time to get out of the stands and onto the field. We are all one team, and it takes us all to fulfill our mission from God. Join us for a ministry fair to discover your place to serve in the church.



## FIELD DAY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 • 5 PM**

CLOISTER GARDEN

Experience ways to serve through the church to impact our community and the world. Join Mission & Outreach for burgers, snow cones, and games. Register at [incarnation.org/field-day](http://incarnation.org/field-day).



## RALLY DAY HOMECOMING

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 • 10:15 AM**

WELCOME CENTER

Get out your megaphones and letter jackets and join us for a Homecoming Pep Rally. Fellowship, food, and fun for the whole family.



*“I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord.” PSALM 122*



## WEEKLY ENEWS

The weekly eNews, our official church electronic newsletter, is the most up-to-date way to receive info about upcoming events. Make sure that you are registered to receive this email by going to [incarnation.org/enews](http://incarnation.org/enews).



## WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 980, Proper 15.

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