



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 • 9 AM

Contemporary Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Chorus Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse 2 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Verse 1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
 O praise Him, O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3 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!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Guard your church, Lord God, with your continual mercy, and because in our frailty we cannot stand without you, keep us from all that may harm, and lead us to all that makes for our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land; therefore we also

will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "Nay; but we will serve the Lord." Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel." And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 92 (It Is Good)

Verse It is good to praise You Lord,
 And make music to Your name,
 O Most High

Pre-Chorus To proclaim Your love in the morning,
 And Your faithfulness at night

Chorus Oh, I sing for joy
 And the sound of Your name, and the works of Your hands
 Oh, You make me glad
 And for all of my life, let my song to You rise
 O Most High

Ending It is good to praise You Lord,
 O Most High

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 6:11–18

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy

be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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

SEQUENCE

Open Thou Mine Eyes

Verse Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see
 Incline my heart and I shall desire
 Order my step and I shall walk
 In the ways of Thy commandments

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24–34

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

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

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

SERMON

Fr. Joe Dewey

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brandy Femat

OFFERTORY SONG

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

- Verse 1* Come away from rush and hurry
 To the stillness of God's peace;
 From our vain ambition's worry,
 Come to Christ to find release
 Come away from noise and clamor,
 Life's demands and frenzied pace;
 Come to join the people gathered
 Here to seek and find God's face
- Verse 2* In the pastures of God's goodness
 We lie down to rest our soul
 From the waters of God's mercy
 We drink deeply, are made whole
 At the table of God's presence
 All the saints are richly fed
 With the oil of God's anointing
 Into service we are led
- Verse 3* Come, the, children, with your burdens
 Life's confusions, fears and pain
 Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
 Take instead his kingdom's reign
 Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them
 He alone will satisfy
 All our longings find attainments
 When to self we gladly die

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- Verse 1* What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer
- Verse 2* Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
Jesus, Savior, is our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer
- Chorus* Oh, what a friend
Oh, what a friend in Jesus
- Verse 3* Blessed Savior, You have promised all our burdens You will bear
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to you in earnest prayer
Soon, in glory bright unclouded, face to face will be our prayer
Joyful praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there
- Ending* Oh, what a friend

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.

ON THE CALENDAR

CHORAL EVENSONG RESUMES TODAY AT A NEW TIME

SUNDAYS • 4 PM **CHURCH & ONLINE LIVESTREAM**

Each Sunday, join us for a beautiful form of sung Evening Prayer, consisting of psalms, Bible readings, canticles, and prayers.

UNITY IN I CORINTHIANS

WEDNESDAYS • 6:30 PM

Come join young adults from our parish and Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church as we explore the idea of Unity in 1 Corinthians. Contact Drew Crowson at dcrowson@incarnation.org for details.

WEEKLY NOON BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • NOON

MARMION CONFERENCE ROOM

Join this study through the book of Acts.

BACH'S LUNCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • 12:15 PM **CHURCH**

Join us for the first edition of Bach's Lunch, our new monthly free concert series focused on the music of J.S. Bach and his circle.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 7 PM

ED BLDG, ROOM 205

This popular course from radio host and author, Dave Ramsey, teaches people to become financially literate, eliminate debt, control spending, and build wealth for today and the future.

HEART OF UPTOWN 5K AND BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 1 PM **NORTH PARKING LOT**

Run for the kids, stay for the fun. Bigger and better than ever, there is something for everyone. Races include 5K, 5K relay, 1-mile fun run/walk, and even a doggie add-on option.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • 10:20 AM

Sign up today for Fall Sunday School classes at 10:20 am in the Welcome Center or visit incarnation.org/classes. Classes include:

- **Reading While Black** – Join Fr. Joe Dewey to study Esau McCaulley's book and discuss its implications for our reading of Scripture and training in righteousness.
- **Parenting Class** – Whether your family has found its groove or you are struggling to keep up, all parents from all stages are welcome.
- **Deep Roots: Worship** – A pre-requisite for adult baptism or confirmation, this class covers the Nicene Creed, salvation, sacraments, liturgy, and the church calendar.

EVENT DETAILS & REGISTRATION

INCARNATION.ORG/EVENTS



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.



WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 984, Proper 19.

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