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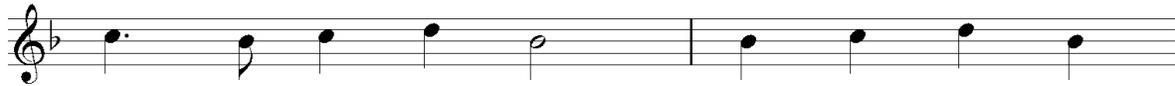
Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 a.m.

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively. Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982*, found in your pew, and those preceded with **S** are service music located at the front of the Hymnal. Please observe the instructions on the COVID safety sheet found in your pew.

PRELUDE	Savior of the nations, come! BWV 659	J.S Bach
GREETINGS		The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser
INTROIT	Rorate caeli desuper	Gregorian, arr. Dalitz
	Rorate caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum. <i>Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.</i>	
HYMN 54 <i>All stand.</i>		Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
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Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524; harm. Melchoir Vulpius (1560?-1616)

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel or sit. Silence may be kept.

All **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *All stand.*

S 1

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant Our King and Savior draweth nigh;
People **O come, let us adore him.**

VENITE

S 2

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Our King and Savior draweth nigh;
O come, let us adore him.

PSALM 25:1-9 (read responsively)

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *All sit.*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

When the congregation sits, children ages 3 to 10 are invited to gather at the entrance of the church to meet their teachers for Sunday School in the Parish House. Parents of children attending for the first time are asked to accompany them. The children will return before the end of worship.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE (sung by the choir)

Plainsong, with fauxbourdon by Thomas Morley

Blessèd are thou, O Lord God of our fathers:
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou for the Name of thy Majesty:
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd are thou in the temple of thy holiness:
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd are thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim:
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom:
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou in the firmament of heaven:
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

HYMN 72 *All stand.*

Richmond

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr. (1770-1843);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

APOSTLES' CREED *All stand.*

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God
 the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Asst. Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Asst. Priest Let us pray.

All kneel or sit.

All **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.**

Asst. Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Asst. Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Asst. Priest Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

Asst. Priest Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Asst. Priest Let thy way be known upon earth;
People **Thy saving health among all nations.**
Asst. Priest Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Asst. Priest Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to hold and heal all who are sick or suffering, including all those affected by the coronavirus both here and abroad, those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Leonard and Virginia Ritter, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies;
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we may show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

We invite your offering for the support of the Church's mission in the world, and in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. You may place your offering in the offering plates near the back of the church during the offertory anthem or when departing the service. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit churchoftheincarnation.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

Morning Light

Shaker hymn by Lydia Annas
arr. Kevin Siegfried

The life's morn rose bright and cloudless and the sun did brilliant appear;
There may be a fearful tempest ere the noon of life draweth near.
Then stand firm as the rock of ages, tho the fiercest of winds may blow:
The light that illum'd thy early morning again will appear ere the evening close.

HYMN 380 (stanza 3) *All stand.*

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Officiant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 601 *All stand.*

St. Michael

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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 Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G

Johann Jakob Froberger

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Priest in Charge*
 The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee, *Associate Priest*
 The Rev. Denise LaVetty, *Deacon*
 David Ralph, *Director of Music*
 Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*
 Jacquelyn Carson, *Head Usher*
 Gordon Rizza, *Sexton*
 Ameer Abdul-Maajid, *Assistant Sexton*

Christopher Strome and Mark Lulka, *Ushers*
 Jedd Katrancha and Keith Kelly, *Sunday School Teachers*
 Lenore Ritter, *Hospitality Committee*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Leonard and Virginia Ritter and in celebration of their marriage.

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Juliana, Jennifer, Marcey, Sarah, Susan, Marika, Winifred, Sam, Ruth, Carol, Debra, Brian, Lorelai, Geoffrey, Jaquelyn, Jane, Garrett, Connie, Joseph, Josephine, Shagdar and family, Arthur, Richard, Gia, David, Ronald, Chris, Michele and Elizabeth.

To add a name to the prayer list, call the church or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org.

The Church of the Incarnation, grounded in living faith and inspired by the beauty of our landmark building, seeks to engage the community through vibrant and varied worship, loving and practical service to others, and intellectual exploration, with a warm and open Christian welcome in the heart of New York City.

If you wish to learn more about our parish community and/or receive our weekly e-minder with spiritual reflections, upcoming events and church news, please fill out the yellow "Connect Card" in your pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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