

On the mind of the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

There is no brighter promise and no greater love than salvation declared through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The truth of the Gospel is that he so loves the world, so values us, that he chose to share our life in order to conquer, once and for all, the forces of sin and death that separate us from God and one another.

Our Easter worship services tell that story and proclaim that truth, as foretold by the prophets: “Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” (Isaiah 25:9)

This truth lives on today, manifest in the lives of his followers. Even in our darkest moments, his saving grace is near. Will you join me in offering this prayer?

Lift up my eyes, O God.

Lift up my eyes to see you.

Lift up my soul to meet you.

Throw open the doors of heaven,
and let your glory shine round about me.

In moments of crucifixion, assure me of resurrection.

In moments of resurrection, help me proclaim freedom and hope.

Instill in me the confidence of your deep abiding love,
so I may surrender myself to your will
and rise when you call my name.

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TODAY AFTER CHURCH!

12:15 p.m. Stick around after the service to enjoy coffee, tea and cookies with your fellow parishioners at the back of the church. We'll also have mimosas in celebration of Easter! Children are invited (with a parent) to an Easter Egg Hunt in the Parish House.

1:00 p.m. Parish Easter Luncheon at Slattery's Midtown Pub, 8 E. 36th St. for those who pre-registered. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Please note the luncheon is full.

FREEING JESUS WRAP-UP SESSION – Thursday, April 28

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Over the season of Lent, several of us have been reading through a book by Diana Butler Bass entitled, *Freeing Jesus*. During these weeks, this book has led us to consider various identities of Jesus—Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, Presence.

One of the most important things we've discussed during this time is the way in which, while Scripture says that we as human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, we are constantly trying to re-make Jesus in our own image and likeness, instead.

In a final session open to the whole congregation, we will discuss some of the common ways people re-make Jesus in their own image and likeness, and consider other identities of Jesus that we (including, Diana Butler Bass) may have missed. Join the discussion in the Parish House or on Zoom. Email the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee at nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org with any questions.

Followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments for those who attend in the Parish House.

20s/30s BASEBALL OUTING – Friday, April 29

The 20s/30s Group is headed to a ballgame! We'll watch the Mets play the Phillies at Citifield. The game starts at 7:10 p.m., and tickets are \$25 per person. Email the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee at nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org to reserve yours today or for more information about young adult ministries.

EVERY WEEK AT INCARNATION

Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the Parish House (and via Zoom) on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. We generally follow the Yale Bible Study program, which offers course materials on select books of the Bible, deepened by insights from Yale Divinity School professors.

Sunday School for Children: During the 11:00 a.m. service, children ages 3 to 10 depart the service with their teachers for Sunday School in the Parish House. (All teachers have been vaccinated.) They return before the end of worship. See our website, churchoftheincarnation.org, for more information on Children and Family Ministries.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Join us each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for this Rite I spoken service of Holy Eucharist, which includes a brief homily and organ music.

Thursday Candlelight Communion: Join us each Thursday at 6:15 p.m. for Candlelight Communion, a service of Holy Eucharist that incorporates chant and silence as well as elements of contemporary worship. This service is informal and contemplative, with music led by a Cantor and a brief reflection by one of the clergy. You can also stream this service at youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation.

Daily Office: Services of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Compline are held via Zoom. To view the weekly schedule, go to churchoftheincarnation.org/worship.

To receive access information for offerings held via Zoom, join our email distribution list by filling out the yellow Connect Card found in your pew or signing up through our website.

COVID SAFETY UPDATE

The following offerings are mask-optional for children and for those who are vaccinated:

- The Sunday 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday 12:15 p.m. spoken services of Holy Eucharist
- Classes and meetings held in the Parish House
- Sunday Coffee Hour and other programming held in the church

For now, we continue to require masks at all services that include singing – an activity that increases the risk of Covid-19 transmission.