

On the mind of the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser...

My favorite stained glass in our church's sanctuary is a pair of Tiffany windows. Two angels appear at the top – strong and victorious with fire ablaze and light all around. They are blowing trumpets, heralding good news.

Just below these angels is more stained glass depicting a Bible story. Jesus is with Mary and Martha. It's dusk. The scene appears quiet and still. Ominous even, depending on what you make of the twists of the bare tree branches and the colors of the sky in Tiffany's signature swirl. (Tiffany could blend colors together within one pane of glass.)

The sisters are peering inside the tomb of their dead brother Lazarus, while Jesus calls him forth from the grave. Mary and Martha don't know what's happening in the spiritual realm right above them. But you can tell from these fierce and holy angels that all heaven is breaking loose in response to Lazarus' resurrection. Clearly what happens on earth and what happens in heaven are intimately connected.

My reflection on these stained glass windows grew out of an exercise led by the Rev. Posey Krakowsky, an artist, teacher and priest at the Church of the Ascension here in New York City. Posey came to Incarnation as part of a diocesan group and helped me see these windows anew. I am pleased to invite her back to offer a workshop for our parish.

Please plan to join us for “The Contemplative Gaze” on Sunday, May 15, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (See the announcement below.) Our religious art is one of Incarnation's greatest assets. I look forward to using it as a spiritual resource for deepening our devotion to God and connection to one another.

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TODAY AFTER CHURCH

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Parishioners currently serving as chalice bearers are invited to a training session with Deacon Denise LaVetty in the Chapel of the Nativity.

THE CONTEMPLATIVE GAZE

On **Sunday, May 15, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**, the Rev. Posey Krakowsky leads a workshop to help participants see and reflect on the visual bounty already present within our sanctuary. How does the art and architecture of our sacred space inform and enhance our liturgies? What concepts are we internalizing about God and the human condition through what our eyes encounter?

We'll spend some time learning the technique of contemplative group observation of art, which is then used as a catalyst for dialogue. Go to <http://contemplativegaze.org> to learn more about Posey and “The Contemplative Gaze.”

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Save the dates for a new Christian formation series focused the Holy Spirit, the most mysterious and seemingly elusive person of the Trinity. We'll gather in the Parish House and also on Zoom for the following sessions held on **Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

- **May 19** – Introduction: How the Holy Spirit Works
- **May 26** – Charism: The Gifts of the Spirit
- **June 2** – Holiness: Life in the Spirit

At the start of each session, a clergy member will share about their own understanding and personal experience of the Holy Spirit to kick off our time together. Stay tuned for more details!

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

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.