

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

A few weeks ago, the Vestry got together for its annual retreat day. The theme of the retreat had to do with music, and one of the discussion prompts was this: “Describe a time when you felt touched or inspired by a musical moment at Incarnation.”

Answers ranged from our Christmas service of Lessons and Carols, to this year’s sung Passion on Palm Sunday, to memories of a specific organ voluntary or solo by a choir member. I’m sure we can all recall a musical moment or two, or ten, at Incarnation that touched us deeply.

In fact, the offertory anthem from just a couple of Sundays ago, Stanton’s “Alleluia! Hearts to heaven”, was a musical moment for me – especially the descant. (Descants get me every time!)

One of the greatest perks of my job is getting to sit near the high altar, enveloped by the voices of our choir and watching David play the organ with passion and gusto. Meditating on the contemplative music of our cantor at Candlelight Communion ranks up there as well.

Music has always played an important role in the spiritual life of Incarnation and, as every Vestry member affirmed, is integral to our worship experience.

During the summer months, when parish life slows down a bit, we’ll have a soloist on Sundays rather than the full choir. It’s a time to get to know and rejoice in the unique giftedness of each choir member.

Fittingly, this Sunday, the Day of Pentecost, marks the last Sunday the full choir is present. On this great festival day, we celebrate many voices proclaiming the Good News, just as the disciples testified in many tongues through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we add our own voices in song and praise and joyful refrains of “Alleluia!”, may we too feel that same Spirit – the One who is always behind those musical moments that lift our hearts and stir our souls.

Adrian+

TODAY AFTER CHURCH!

On Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church. Birthday cake and coffee will be served after both services of Holy Eucharist.

Following each service, we’ll also have jewelry, clothing and handbags for purchase in the Narthex to support Earning Hands, a ministry of the Church of Pakistan. Through this program, women who have been exploited in the sex trade in Pakistan develop skills that enable them to earn an income, raise their families out of poverty, and break the cycle of generational prostitution. Thanks to everyone who shopped at our event on May 31!

COMMISSIONING CELEBRATION – Friday, June 10

6:30 p.m. All are invited to a special service for the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser: “Celebration of New Ministry with Commissioning as Priest in Charge.” Followed by a reception in the Assembly Hall. Please RSVP through Paperless Post (an invitation was delivered to all on our email distribution list

on May 6) or by contacting Thomas Reefer, Parish Administrator, at treefer@churchoftheincarnation.org, so that we can get a headcount for the reception. We hope you can join the celebration!

20s/30s GROUP END OF YEAR GATHERING – Wednesday, June 15

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All young adults in their 20s/30s are invited to the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee's home for a party as we close out the program year. Hors d'oeuvres and a variety of beverages will be served. We'll also play some games that may or may not have some sort of spiritual component (it's still church after all!). Most importantly, it will be a great time for connecting and building deeper relationships. RSVP to Nate at nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org.

ST. GEORGE'S CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT – Saturday, June 18

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. St. George's Choral Society offers a FREE Summer Choral Festival Concert at Incarnation. Music of Gabriel Fauré. Go to stgeorgeschoralsociety.org/concerts to learn more.

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST – Sunday, June 26

11:00 a.m. Members of the Eighth Grade Confirmation Class will lead us in an "Instructed Eucharist," offering short narrations explaining the significance of various parts of the liturgy. This Instructed Eucharist will help us understand and enter more fully into the celebration central to our Christian worship in the Anglican tradition.

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.