



# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023

### Holy Eucharist 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 pieces of service music located at the front of the Hymnal.

PRELUDE	Fugue in D Minor III, op. 37	Mendelssohn
GREETINGS		The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser
INTROIT	God Be in My Head	Rutter
God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end and at my departing.		
HYMN 603	<i>All stand.</i>	St. Botolph

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by all* S 202

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
 thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And with thy Spirit.**  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *All sit.*

Genesis 50:15-21

*When the congregation sits, children ages 3 to 9 (pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to gather at the entrance of the church to meet their teacher 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.*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM 114 *sung by the choir*

Garrett

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
 2 Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.  
 3 The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.  
 4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.  
 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?  
 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?  
 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on

servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

HYMN 516 *All stand.*

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

NICENE CREED *All stand and face the high altar.*

*All*                **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of**

**one substance with the Father; through him all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *All sit or kneel.*

*Deacon* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially the people of Ukraine and Lybia;  
*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andrew, Matthew, Allen, and Mary, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list.  
*The People may add their own names and petitions in silence or aloud.*

*People* Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including the ministry of the Georgescu Family, in whose honor the altar flowers are given today.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings in silence or aloud.*

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, especially Chico Cerpas and Nancy Schendel Morgan, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own names in silence or aloud.*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the Glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Celebrant* 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.*

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*The Ushers receive the collection from the congregation. We invite your offering for the support of the Church's mission in the world, and in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit [churchoftheincarnation.org/donate](http://churchoftheincarnation.org/donate) or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generosity.*



ANTHEM

Glorious and Powerful God

Stanford

Glorious and powerful God, we understand thy dwelling is on high above the starry sky. Thou dwellest not in stone temples made with hand; but in the flesh hearts of the sons of men to dwell is thy delight, near hand, though out of sight. We give of thine own hand, thy acceptance is very life and blood, to all actions good. Whenever here or hence our supplication, from pure and with unfeigned hearts, to thee ascends, be resent with thy grace, shew us thy loving face, O down on us full showers of mercy send; let thy love's burning beams dry up all our sin's streams. Arise, O Lord, and come into thy rest. Both now and evermore Thy name be blest, founder and foundation of endless habitation.

HYMN 380 (stanza 3) *All stand.*

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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you.      And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts.      We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant*      It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS *sung by all*

S 114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
 Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *All sit or kneel.*

Prayer Book, p. 341

*Celebrant*      All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him.... By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*All*      And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*      Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*          **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI *sung by all*

S 158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Holy Eucharist is the meal that has traditionally nourished the baptized in their life of faith. You may take the bread in your hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice bearer's hand to bring the chalice to your lips. Or you may intinct (dip the wafer into the wine). If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply fold your arms across your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, fold your hands downward.*

#### ANTHEM

Deliver Us, O God

Batten

Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, that we may give thanks unto thy holy name and make our boast of thy praise. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting and world without end, and let all the people say, "Amen", and let all the people say, "Amen".

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

*Celebrant* 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 390 *All stand.*

Lobe den Herren

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C Major BuxW 137

Buxtehude

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the organ postlude.*

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Priest in Charge*  
 The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee, *Associate Priest*  
 The Rev. Denise LaVetty, *Deacon*  
 Dr. Thomas M. Reefer, *Interim Director of Music*

Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*  
Oseloka Chira, *Head Usher*  
Arnold Aguello, *Sexton*  
Ameer Abdul-Maajid, *Assistant Sexton*

Linda Gossett, *Altar Guild*  
Christopher Strome and Linda Gossett, *Ushers*  
Florin Georgescu and Dawn Harris Scarangella, *Lay Readers*  
Florin Georgescu, *Chalice Bearer*  
Valentina Ju and Madelina Defex, *Acolytes*  
Callaway Dannhauser, *Sunday School Teacher*  
Maria Ju, *Door Greeter*  
Florin Georgescu, *Coffee Hour Host*

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Georgescu family.

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, the following Sundays are available: October 22 and November 5, 19 and 26. The requested contribution is \$90.

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**Your prayers are requested for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble:** Tom, Leonor, Lou, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Frank, Joan, Roger, Nadia, Mihail, Susan Padmini, Juliana, Jennifer, Marcey, Marika, Ruth, Debra, Lorelei, Geoffrey, Jaquelyn, Jane, Garrett, Connie, Joseph, Josephine, Shagdar, Arthur, David, Michele, Elizabeth, Ann, Julie, Jeanne, Patrick, Dianne, Dawn, Christopher, Bartley, Camden, Josh, Mary, Donnamarie, Natalia, Berta, Helen, Megan, Eduardo, Mike, Maria, Robert, Edwin, Henry, Gilberto, Lucille, Heidi, William, Penny, Travis, George, Peter, Gia, Pi-Hui, Granville, Polly, Andrew, Margaret, Wayne, Tom, Chaz, Matthew, Dee and Marsha.

To add a name to the prayer list, call the church or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at [adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org).

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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