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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Confirmation Sunday with
The Installation of the 11th Rector of
The Church of the Incarnation

March 17, 2024

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

Come Sunday
Fantaisie-Impromptu in C♯ minor, op. posth. 66
Peace

Ellington Chopin Silver

GREETINGS

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

INTROIT

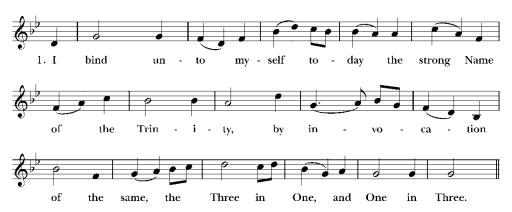
God So Loved the World

Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His onlybegotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. Amen.

HYMN 380 All stand.

St. Patrick's Breastplate







Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cocil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish melody; adapt. Charler Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, Deirdre, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

THE WORD OF GOD

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

His mercy endureth for ever.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful humans. Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON All sit. Jeremiah 31:31-34

When the congregation sits, children ages 3 to 9 (pre-K through 4th 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.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 51:1-13

Antiphon



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. **ANTIPHON**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. ANTIPHON
- 10 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. ANTIPHON

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

HYMN 337 All stand.

Unde et Memores





Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: Unde et memores, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

HOLY GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON The Rt. Rev. Matthew F. Heyd

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Candidates Amanda Bell, Christopher Byrum, Michael Joseph Gross, Philip Jones, Katherine Ramos, Judy

Veneroso

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation, Reception into this Communion, and

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

All stand.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in

Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal

covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION All sit.

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says

For Confirmation

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that s/he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until s/he comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

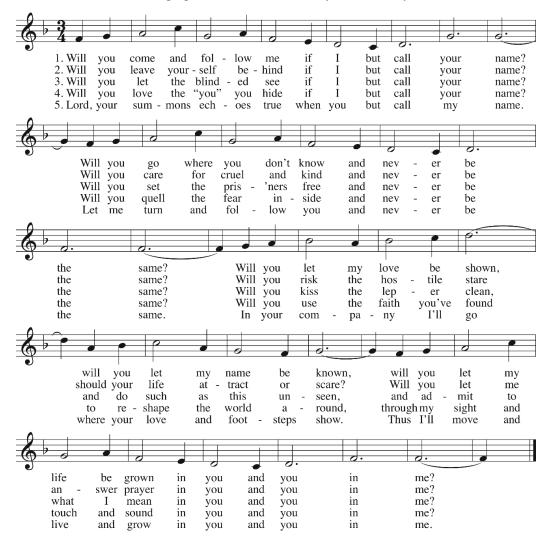
For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The congregation remains seated and joins on verse five.



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THE INSTALLATION OF THE ELEVENTH RECTOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

THE INSTITUTION

Wardens

The Wardens, standing before the Bishop with the Rector, say

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Bishop Heyd, we have come together today to welcome The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of The Church of the Incarnation. We believe that she is well qualified, and that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution. The Bishop then says

Bishop Adrian, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and

responsibility?

Rector I do.

All stand.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Bishop Will you, the people of The Church of the Incarnation, who witness this new beginning support

and uphold Adrian in this ministry?

People We will.

Bishop Let us pray. Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Adrian, that with patience and understanding

she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE INDUCTION All sit.

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the Bishop with the Rector to present symbols of their shared ministry.

The Rev. J. Douglas Ousley, Tenth Rector of The Church of the Incarnation, presents a Bible, saying

Adrian, accept this Bible, and be in this place as one who proclaims the Word.

People Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee presents a vessel of water, saying

Adrian, take this water, and baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People Amen.

The Rev. Deacon Denise LaVetty presents a stole, saying

Adrian, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People Amen.

Members of the Vestry present the Book of Common Prayer, saying

Adrian, receive this Book of Common Prayer, and be among us as a woman of prayer.

People Amen.

A member of the Vestry presents olive oil, saying

Adrian, use this oil, and be a healer and reconciler among us and in the world.

People Amen.

A member of the Vestry presents a children's Bible, saying

Adrian, receive this children's Bible, and help us grow our children in the faith.

People Amen.

The Music Director presents a hymnal, saying

Adrian, receive this hymnal, and join with us in making music to the glory of God.

People Amen.

The Wardens and Sexton present the keys of the church, saying

Adrian, receive these keys and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People Amen.

The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Adrian, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People Amen.

Members of the Vestry present the By-Laws of The Church of the Incarnation, saying

Adrian, obey these by-laws, and serve among us as a wise and discerning leader.

People Amen.

Members of the Vestry present bread and wine, saying

Adrian, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People Amen

The Bishop then says

Adrian, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People Amen.

The Rector kneels in the midst of the church and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Rector stands and is presented to the congregation by the Bishop.

Bishop Greet your new Rector.

The family of the Rector is presented at this time.

THE PEACE All stand.

Rector 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 or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generosity.



ANTHEM O Thou, the Central Orb Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine; Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin: Our nature all shall feel eternal day In fellowship with thee, transforming ray To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

All stand as the Ushers present the Offering in silence.

Bishop All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

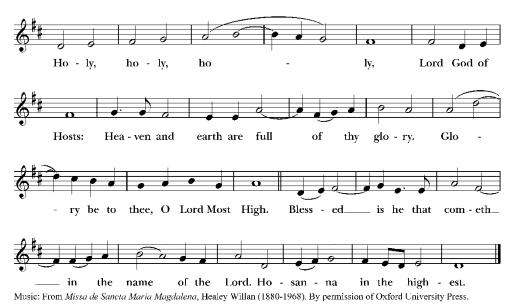
Bishop Lift up your hearts.

PeopleWe lift them up unto the Lord.BishopLet us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Bishop 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; who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which those hast prepared for those who love thee. 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 S 113



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION All sit or kneel.

Prayer Book, p. 341

Bishop

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.**

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

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI S 159



Music: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and

to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop 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.

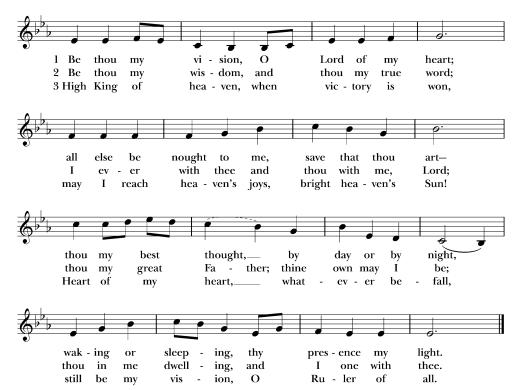
The Holy Eucharist is the meal that has traditionally nourished the baptized in their life of faith. You may take the bread in your hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice bearer's hand to bring the chalice to your lips. Or you may intinct (dip the wafer into the wine). 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 If Ye Love Me Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, that he may abide with you forever, ev'n the spir't of truth.

HYMN 488 remaining seated

Slane



Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

All

Almighty Father, we most heartily thank thee for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of thy Holy Spirit. We thank thee for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Adrian may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may

serve thee now, and always rejoice in thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Bishop

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 473 All stand. Crucifer



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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Wayfarin' Stranger Anon. Folk / Gospel
I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart Ellington

All are welcome to Coffee Hour in the Parish House, next door to the church.

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee, Associate Rector
The Rev. Denise LaVetty, Deacon
The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt, Honorary Assistant
Dr. Thomas M. Reefer, Director of Music
Dr. Uche Akwuba II, Master of Ceremonies
Oseloka Chira, Head Usher
John Robert Motato and Ameer Abdul-Maajid, Sextons

The Rt. Rev. Matthew F. Heyd, Bishop of the Diocese of New York

Sarah Pillow and Melissa Fogarty, vocals
Arun Luthra, soprano and tenor saxophone
Edsel Gomez, piano
Hamish Smith, bass
Marc Wagnon, drums
Valentina Ju, student pianist

Linda Gossett and Joelle Anderson, Altar Guild
Linda Gossett and Kendall Pron, Ushers
Susan Ridgeway and Christopher Stromee, Lay Readers
Susan Ridgeway, Chalice Bearer
Valentina Ju, Sam Scarangella and Augie Scarangella, Acolytes
Jedd Katrancha, Sunday School Teacher
Maria Ju, Door Greeter
Jane Barron and Tanya Tesa, Coffee Hour Co-Hosts

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, Stephanie, Lorelei, Geoffrey, Brian, Bryce, Jaquelyn, Jane, Garrett, Connie, Joseph, Josephine, Shagdar, Arthur, David, Michele, Ann, Julie, Jeanne, Patrick, Dianne, Dawn, Christopher, Bartley, Camden, Josh, Mary, Donnamarie, Natalia, Berta, Helen, Megan, Eduardo, Mike, Maria, Edwin, Henry, Gilberto, Lucille, Heidi, William, Penny, Travis, George, Peter, Gia, Pi-Hui, Granville, Andrew, Margaret, Wayne, Tom, Matthew, Dee, Pamela, Robert, Corinne, Bill, Annette, Bernard, Kathy, Barbara, Yolanda, Ellen, Jerome, Gary, Carmella, Frank and Hans.

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 though 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 worshiping with us today.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT INCARNATION

Palm Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms, Palm Procession and Choral Passion
12:30 p.m. *Launch event for the Common Chord Capital Campaign in the church.*

Spy Wednesday, March 27

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist, remembering Judas' betrayal of Jesus

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil in the Chapel of the Nativity

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Prayer Service.The church remains open for meditation until 3:00 p.m.

Easter Eve, March 30

6:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with music for Organ, Tympani, Brass and Choir

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

A couple of months ago, parishioner Anne Tong asked me if she could organize a Sunday forum about God's grace. Before even hearing her vision for the forum, I said "YES!" in my heart.

Grace is what our daily walk with Christ is all about. It shows up in divine comfort, courage, the will to persevere, the kindness and giftedness of others, coincidences that aren't really coincidences, light in the darkness, a solution to a problem in the nick of time, an encouraging word from a friend when we needed it most... the list goes on.

Anne's forum, "A Minister of God's Grace" involved gathering reflections and photos from ten parishioners ages 14 to 80+ that reveal how God's grace works in their lives. The end result included a narrative of reflections woven together, a multimedia presentation, and a hymn sing to top it all off. It was the epitome of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 – "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

At the end of the forum, I said that I had never felt so proud to lead this congregation. There is nothing I enjoy more than seeing people come alive for Christ and through Christ. Coming alive together, including sharing the depths of our own spirituality with one another, is what church community is all about.

Today is another occasion for celebrating God's grace, which comes to us with the presence of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd. In the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation, he will impart the grace of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, strengthening the gifts of our confirmands given to them at baptism.

I imagine I'll also feel some extra grace when I am formally instituted by the Bishop as your Rector. I hope you feel it too. I love you, Incarnation, and I know that with you, I'm exactly where I'm meant to be. May this be a hope-filled celebration of a new season of ministry together as we all continue to grow into the full stature of Christ and his body, the church.

Adrian+

TODAY AFTER CHURCH

All are welcome to Coffee Hour and a celebratory reception in the Parish House following the 11:00 a.m. service. Visitors are invited to pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church.

12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Come to the Assembly Hall to help make sandwiches and pack lunches for Ecclesia Ministries of New York, which serves those who are food and housing insecure. The Rev. Deacon Denise LaVetty serves an Ecclesia congregation that currently worships at Church of the Transfiguration (29th Street, between 5th and Madison) every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Parishioners are also invited to attend this 2:00 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist and then distribute the lunches. Bishop Heyd will be joining us for this ministry today!

THIRD THURSDAY

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us in the Assembly Hall following Candlelight Communion for a special "Third Thursday" presentation. At each celebration of the Eucharist, we pray these words: "And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable holy and living sacrifice unto thee." As we move through Lent and approach Holy Week, we will explore together what these words mean – how we can worship with both "soul and body" – through some creative and contemplative exercises. Light refreshments will be provided.

EASTER DONATIONS AND DECORATIONS

On Easter Sunday, the church will be adorned with beautiful flowers, and we will enjoy enhanced music through your generous donations to remember and honor your loved ones. Use the "Easter Flowers and Music" donation form tucked inside this leaflet to make a donation by cash or check. You can also give online at churchoftheincarnation.org/donate. Use the memo line to indicate if your donation is in honor of a departed loved one or in thanksgiving for a special person or occasion.

Donations received by Good Friday, March 29, will be recognized in the Easter Sunday leaflet.

20s/30s GROUP HOLY SATURDAY GATHERING

Holy Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 20s/30s are invited to a special gathering on Holy Saturday, which commemorates the day when the body of Jesus lay in the tomb. We'll begin with a mediation in the Chapel of the Nativity. Then we'll spend some time hiding Easter Eggs in the Parish House for the hunt on Easter Sunday. Afterwards, we'll have coffee and a light brunch for those who can stick around for some fellowship, wrapping things up by noon. Email the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee (nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org) if you can make it. Hope to see you then!

SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH EASTER LUNCHEON

The Easter Luncheon will be held in a private room at Slattery's Midtown Pub on East 36th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues. The buffet menu includes Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Beef Tips in a Burgundy Sauce, sides and dessert. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. There is also a cash bar. To RSVP, add your name to the sign-up list at Coffee Hour and pay with cash or check. You can also register and pay online using this QR code:



SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY

After a string of wonderful book groups on contemporary texts written by present day authors, we're back (by popular demand) to reading a spiritual "classic" for our Easter book groups!

G.K. Chesterton was one of the most famous and well-regarded authors in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, having achieved renown as a playwright, novelist, poet, essayist, and editor (among other things). His 1908 *Orthodoxy* is the best known of his many great books, and the most thoroughgoing explication of this thought – considered by many to be a "modern masterpiece."

Written as an "intellectual and spiritual autobiography" of his conversion to Christianity, *Orthodoxy* offers a simple yet subtle defense of the timeless truths of Christianity. Taking on especially the challenges of "materialism" and "antisupernaturalism" – that is, the belief that the physical world is all there is, and that there is nothing beyond it – Chesterton guides the reader through his own path of discovery, leading to the earth-shattering realization that "orthodoxy" is the only satisfactory answer to the riddles at the heart of our universe.

The book groups will meet for five weeks, and there will be two meeting times for groups you can join:

- Mondays, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on ZOOM (begins April. 8)
- Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on ZOOM (begins April 9)

To sign up for one of these groups, contact the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee (<u>nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org</u>). Please also feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

EVERY WEEK AT INCARNATION

Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the Parish House from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

<u>Sunday School and Nursery Care for Children:</u> During the 11:00 a.m. service, children ages 3 to 9 (pre-K through 4th grade) depart the service with their teacher for Sunday School in the Parish House. Nursery care is provided in the Parish House from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Learn more about Family Ministries at Incarnation, including offerings for older children, on the church website.

<u>Wednesday Holy Eucharist:</u> Join us each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for this Rite I spoken service of Holy Eucharist, which includes a brief homily, organ music, and healing prayer with holy oil.

<u>Thursday Candlelight Communion:</u> 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.

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

Pick up a copy of our seasonal newsletter in the Narthex (under the bulletin boards by the front doors of the church) for more information on upcoming events at Incarnation.