



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 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

GREETINGS

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

INTROIT

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Mode I

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father;
Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of Life, who died,
reigns immortal.

Speak Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring:

“The Tomb of Christ, who is living.
The glory of Jesu’s Resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yea, Christ my hope is arisen:
To Galilee he goes before you.”

HYMN 304 *All stand.*

Land of Rest

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *All sit.*

Acts 4:5-12

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 rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM 23 *sung by the choir*

Bairstow

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 645 *All stand.*

St. Columba

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

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.*

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world. Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as thy own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy honor and glory. Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially the people of Ukraine, victims of war and political violence in the Holy Land, those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

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

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation. Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to thy mercy all who have died, remembering especially John Dwight Evans, Jr., that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thy eternal kingdom. Lord, in thy mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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. God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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



ANTHEM

The Lamb

Martin

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and hid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;
He is called by they name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.

Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice
Making all the vales rejoice?

He is meek, and he is mild;
He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS *sung by all, standing*

LaBt uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below, Alleluia. Alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare

Billings

The Lord my pasture shall prepare, and feed me with a shepherd's care; his presence shall my wants supply, and guard me with a watchful eye; My noonday walk he shall attend, and all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant, to fertile vales and dewy meads, my weary wand'ring steps he leads, where peaceful rivers, soft and slow, amid the verdant landscapes flow.

Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread, my steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord, art with me still; thy friendly crook shall give me aid, and guide me through the dreadful shade.

Though in a bare and rugged way, through devious lonely wilds I stray, thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile, with sudden greens and herbage crown'd and streams shall murmur all around.

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 518 *All stand.*

Westminster Abbey

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the postlude. Visitors are invited to pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church.

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Canon 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*

Linda Gossett and Joelle Anderson, *Altar Guild*
Linda Gossett and Cynthia Drayton, *Ushers*
Susan Ridgeway and Christopher Strome, *Lay Readers*
Susan Ridgeway, *Chalice Bearer*
Jedd Katrancha, *Sunday School Teacher*
Anne Tong, *Coffee Hour Host*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of John Dwight Evans, Jr.

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: April 28 and May 5, 12, and 19. The requested contribution is \$90.

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, Carmela, Frank, Hans and Jerry.

To add a name to the prayer list, call the church or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org.

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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.

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