



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. The 11:00 a.m. service is a celebration of Holy Eucharist on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, as well as major feast days. The second and fourth Sundays generally offer a service of Morning Prayer. Both Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer follow “Rite I” in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively. Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)*, found in your pew, and those preceded with **S** are pieces of service music located at the front of *The Hymnal 1982*.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

INTROIT

How Can I Keep from Singing

Bullard

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars,
I know my Saviour liveth;
Although the darkness binds me close,
Deep in the night sweet songs he giveth.
His inner peace makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

HYMN 539 *All stand.*

Tidings

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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 278

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son 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.*

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now

your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

ANTIPHON



How good and plea-sant it is to live to - geth-er in u - ni-ty.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **ANTIPHON**

4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **ANTIPHON**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 470 *All stand.*

Beecher

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus

answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

SERMON

The Ven. Archdeacon Denise LaVetty

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 Because our lives are joined forever in Christ, we unite our voices in prayer.

Leader For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, that we may serve him with glad and generous hearts and proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For a new birth of peace on earth among all nations, that those who govern and lead may know truth and practice integrity, and that all peoples may grow together in one accord. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For us and all the people of this land, that we may have grace to carry the torch of freedom and maintain our liberties with righteousness, dignity, and humility. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially victims of war, those forced to flee their native countries because of persecution and violence, those imprisoned unjustly, 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.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the faithful departed and all who have died, especially Helen Robinson, and those we name now in silence or aloud.

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

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who visit our parish, that they may see and know the Good News of God in Christ in this holy place and in its people, and find hospitality and welcome in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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. 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, text "Madison209" to 73256, or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generosity.



SOLO

Laudamus Te, The Great Mass in C, K. 427

Mozart

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te.

Glorificamus te.
We praise You.

We bless You.
We worship You.

We glorify You.

DOXOLOGY *sung by all, standing*

Old 100th

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 128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 165

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your 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.

LEVAS HYMN 139

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 544 *All stand.*

Duke Street

THE DISMISSAL

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

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 Ven. Denise LaVetty, *Archdeacon*
The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt, *Honorary Assistant Priest*

The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan, *Honorary Assistant Priest*
Dr. Thomas M. Reefer, *Director of Music*
Wesley Chinn, *Assistant Director of Music*
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Oseloka Chira, *Head Usher*
John Robert Motato, *Sexton*
Robert Chipantiza and Emil Ramirez, *Assistant Sextons*

Linda Gossett, *Altar Guild*
Ameer Abdul-Maajid and Christopher Strome, *Ushers*
Christopher Strome and Patricia Smith, *Lay Readers*
Patricia Smith, *Chalice Bearer*
Tully Katrancha, *Acolyte*
Maria Ju, *Door Greeter at the Parish House*
Christopher Strome, *Coffee Hour Host*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Robinson. If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org. The following Sundays are available: August 23 and 30 and September 6. The requested contribution is \$100.

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Tom, Leonor, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Joan, Nadia, Padmini, Juliana, Jennifer, Marcey, Marika, Susan, Ruth, Stephanie, Lorelei, Brian, Bryce, Jaquelyn, Jane, Joseph, Josephine, the Shagdar Family, Ann, Julie, Jeanne, Patrick, Dianne, Dawn, Bartley, Mary, Natalia, Megan, Eduardo, Mike, Maria, Edwin, Henry, Gilberto, William, Peter, Granville, Andrew, Dee, Pamela, Corinne, Bill, Annette, Kathy, Carmela, Savannah Rose, Alair, Wendy, Deirdre, Donovan, Ellen, Jane, Lillian, Bruno, Tim, Augie, Ana, Sixto, Sandy, Lee, Sue, Mary, Michael, Danielle, Doris, Michell, Susan, Pam, Heidi, Monica, Luis, James, Robert, Rick, Allen, Barbara, Leslie, Treasure, Marisa, Ana, John, Emily, Jake, Sam, Cooper, Laurie, Larry, Julian, Barbara, Butch, the Russo/Maxwell Families, Santos, John, Katie, Claudia, Sabrina, Monika, Diane, Barbara, Lisa, Noelle, Nick and Jon. To add a name to the prayer list, call the church or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser.

The Church of the Incarnation, grounded in living faith and inspired by the beauty of our landmark building, seeks to engage the community through 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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Incarnation's program year runs from mid-September through early June. This means that our Sunday morning Bible Study, Children's classes, and certain other ministries go on hiatus for the summer, including our Thursday evening service of Candlelight Communion. The Incarnation Choir also takes a break, and we enjoy individual soloists at the principal Sunday service. The 2026-2027 program year will start up on Homecoming Sunday, the first Sunday after Labor Day.

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