



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Contemporary Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

SONG

Living Hope

Verse 1 How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness, your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me his own
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory!

(Chorus)

Tag Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, you are my living hope

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

SONG

Goodness of God / Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

I love you, Lord
For your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus 1

And all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night, you are close
like no other
I've known you as a father
I've known you as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus 1

And all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

'Cause your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
'Cause your goodness is running after,
It's running after me

Chorus 2

'Cause all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Verse 3

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those who are in error so that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may reject everything that is contrary to their profession and follow whatever is in agreement with it, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

READING

Genesis 45:3–10

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And 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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And 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; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Make haste 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 tarry; you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL SONG

Psalm 57

Verse 1

O God, be merciful to me
My soul, take refuge in the Lord
I kneel beneath thy spreading wing
O save me from the threat'ning storm

Verse 2

My heart is fixed, my song shall raise
Immortal honors to thy name
Awake, my tongue, to shout his praise.
Awake, my soul, to lift his name! (*Chorus*)

Chorus

Be exalted above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth,
Let your glory be over all the earth!

Verse 3

Your steadfast love is great, O God
I rest my hope in thee alone;
I'll spread thy sacred truths abroad,
To all mankind thy love make known (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL

John 16:16–22

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "A little while, and you will see me no more; again a little while, and you will see me." Some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he means." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him; so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Bp. Anthony Burton

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. 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;
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 the Presiding Bishop, George and Michael 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.

The people may add their own petitions.

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

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own petitions.

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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions.

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel.

Deacon & People

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

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution, after which all stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit.

All greet one another from your seats with a sign of peace in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

Have Mercy On Me

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Verse 1 The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord
With every breath we take, the gift of life and grace
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord
Who bore humanity with brave humility

Chorus Let your mercy flow through us,
Your mercy, your mercy

Verse 2 The beauty of the Lord is the suffering of the Lord,
Is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity
The glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord,
Gives life for us to see a new humanity

(Chorus)

Bridge 1 When they see us, may they see your mercy, your mercy
When they know us, may they know your mercy, your mercy

(Chorus)

Bridge 2 Bless the hands and feet of those who serve in need,
Of the broken and ashamed,
Bless the weary soul, the Lord will make us whole,
God, speak peace to those afraid
May the words we speak build a bridge for peace,
Your loving kindness shows the way,
Open up our doors, giving refuge for
All the weary and afraid

(Chorus)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Celebrant & People

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.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

Celebrant & People

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant We do not presume
All to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please remain kneeling. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew.

Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. If you do not wish to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), or prefers not to receive Communion, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

SONG

Come As You Are

Verse 1

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come brokenhearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

Chorus

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure (*Chorus*)

Bridge

Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal (*Chorus*)

Tag

Come as you are

PRAYER

Celebrant & People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

NOTES

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ON THE CALENDAR

MY NEXT 90

EASTERTIDE

Dig into the New Testament throughout Eastertide. Sign up to receive the daily email readings and devotionals and challenge a friend to join you. Go to incarnation.org/mynext90 to subscribe.

INCARNATION 101

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 • 12:30 PM **ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Get to know our clergy and hear their vision for Church of the Incarnation. Learn more about various parish programs, ways to get involved, and what parish membership entails. Visit incarnation.org/101 for information and registration.

DISCIPLESHIP: JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

SUNDAY, MAY 2 • 9 AM & 11:15 AM

DiscipleShip is a fun and engaging 30-minute children's program that teaches the Bible through liturgy, story and activities, and shares how we can all grow up to be like Jesus!

THE CHURCH THROUGH THE AGES

SUNDAY, MAY 2 • 10:20 AM

WELCOME CENTER OR ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Church history is a long and exciting narrative of interesting characters, conflict and heresies, theological developments, mission and expansion.

HANNAH

SUNDAY, MAY 2 • 4 PM **ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

This is an open discussion for women and couples experiencing infertility, miscarriage, or infant loss. Meets every other Sunday.

MOMS AND MIMOSAS

SUNDAY, MAY 9 • 10:20 AM

OUTSIDE MCKINNEY AVE ALONGSIDETHECHURCH*

Celebrate Mother's Day with family photographs and mimosas between the morning worship services.

*Covid restrictions and weather permitting

CHURCH IN THE LOT

SUNDAY, MAY 9 • 10:30 AM **NORTH PARKING LOT**

This 30-minute service is accessible to families. All ages and stages are welcome

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JAMBOREE

SUNDAY, MAY 16 • 4 PM

Learn more about opportunities for children to serve in worship while enjoying food and fellowship.

EVENT DETAILS & REGISTRATION

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WEEKLY ENEWS

The weekly eNews, our official church electronic newsletter, is the most up-to-date way to receive info about upcoming events. Make sure that you are registered to receive this email by going to incarnation.org/enews.



WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 960, 4 Easter.

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TODAY'S DATE _____

I AM A: FIRST-TIME GUEST

RETURNING GUEST REGULAR ATTENDEE

CIRCLE ONE: MR. MRS. MS. DR. OTHER

NAME(S) _____

CHILDREN NAMES & AGES _____

NEW TO INCARNATION *or* NEED TO UPDATE US?

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

BIRTHDAY _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

- SIGNAGE/BANNERS
- THEOLOGY LIVE
- FRIEND
- SPECIAL EVENT
- WEBSITE
- CONCERT
- DRIVE PAST
- INC. ACADEMY
- FACEBOOK
- WRR 101.1
- INSTAGRAM
- WEEKDAY CLASS

SERVICE(S) I ATTENDED TODAY:

- 7:30 AM TRADITIONAL
- 11:15 AM TRADITIONAL
- 9 AM TRADITIONAL
- 11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY
- 9 AM CONTEMPORARY
- 5 PM EVENSONG
- 10:30 AM CHURCH IN THE LOT

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON:

- BECOMING A MEMBER OF INCARNATION
- CLASSES & PROGRAMS FOR:
 - CHILDREN
 - YOUNG ADULTS
 - STUDENTS
 - ADULTS
- MUSIC AT INCARNATION
- OUTREACH, MISSIONS, & COMMUNITY SERVICE
- GROWTH GROUPS
- PLEASE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY CONTACT ME. THE BEST TIME IS: _____

