



CHURCH *of the* INCARNATION

The Thirteenth Sunday *after* Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Welcome to Church of the Incarnation ☩

Before we begin our services, we observe a time of prayerful reflection and preparation for worship.

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INCARNATION 101

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Sunday Formation for All Ages

Resumes September 13

NURSERY: INFANTS-AGE 3

8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., *Ed. Bldg., First Floor*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES 3–5

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Theater*

***CHILDREN’S CHAPEL: GRADES PRE-K–2**

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Second Floor*

Now in session

6th GRADE CONFIRMATION

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Rm 004 (Basement)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES PRE-K–2

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Second Floor*

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES 7–12

Sundays, 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Youth Basement*

READ, MARK & LEARN

SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULTS | Sundays at 10:20 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Rm 205*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The 7:30 am service is spoken with no music.

Organ Voluntary

Salix from Plymouth Suite

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit: *Inclina, Dómine*

BOW down, O LORD, thine ear to me, and hear me : O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I have called daily upon thee. *Ps.* Comfort the soul of thy servant : for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

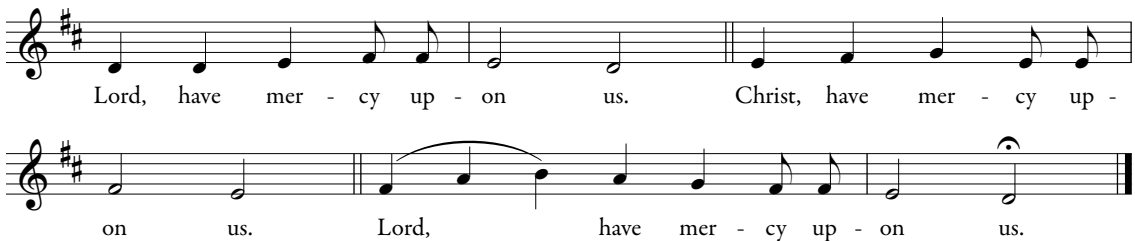
Austria

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.

Kyrie



Gloria in excelsis



Fa-ther Al - might - - - y. ____ O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten

Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta-kest a -

way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of

God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly;

thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly

Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. ____

A - - - - - men.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament *(the Epistle is read here at 9 a.m.)*

Isaiah 51:1-6

LISTEN to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 *(at 9 a.m.)*

The congregation sings the verses in bold

G. A. Macfarren



I WILL give thanks to you O | LORD with • my whole | heart;
before the | gods • I will | sing your | praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your | Name,
be | cause of • your | love and | faithfulness;**

For you have | glorified • your | Name
and your | word a | bove all | things.

**When I | called you | answered me;
you in | creased my | strength with | in me.**

All the kings of the earth will | praise you • O | LORD,
when they have | heard the | words of • your | mouth.

**They will sing of the | ways • of the | LORD,
that great is the | glory | of the | LORD.**

Though the LORD be high he | cares • for the | lowly;
he perceives the | haughty | from a | far.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble you | keep me | safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
| your right | hand shall | save me.**

**The LORD will make good his | purpose • for | me;
O LORD your love endures for ever; do not a | bandon • the | works • of your | hands.**

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart :
 even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth :
 for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.
 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.
 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD : that great is the glory of the LORD.
 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly :
 as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me :
 thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me :
 yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

The Epistle

Romans 12:1–8

I APPEAL to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is intoned by the Choir, repeated by the People, then sung again after the verse.



✠ Thou art Peter, and upon this rock: I will build my church.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

WHEN Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you,

Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Gregory Brewer

THE NICENE CREED

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 his 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; by whom all things were made; who for us men 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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes

Deacon Let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude in this way

Deacon In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have

mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant gives the Absolution.

THE PEACE

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.

Children's Blessing *(at 9 a.m.)*

ALmighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Birthday Prayer

WATCH over thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Anthem

William Harris (1883–1973)

BEhold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon

Doxology

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 & Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea-ven and earth are full

— of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless - ed —

— is he that com-eth — in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel and the Celebrant continues

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanks giving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be  filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



Communion Devotions

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

Celebrant and 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.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written for four vocal parts: Men, Women, and All. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace." The score is divided into four staves, each corresponding to a vocal part. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for Men, the second for Women, the third for All, and the fourth for All. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace."

Men
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have

Women
mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta-kest a - way the

All
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that

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Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Triune God, who come forward in faith, and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are warmly invited 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; to receive the Wine, hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. The practice of dipping the Bread into the Wine is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

For those with a medical need, gluten-free Bread and Wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice is available at the Low Altar. If one is not able or prefers not to receive either the Bread or the Wine, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion when receiving in one kind. Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

Persons who wish to have the Holy Eucharist brought to them in their pew should notify an usher.



Intercessory Prayer Ministers are available in the back of the Church after you receive Holy Communion, and a priest will be available at the Low Altar to administer Holy Unction to those seeking healing of any kind.

Motet

Stephen Cleobury (1948–2019)

LET all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

*Liturgy of St. James
Tr. Gerard Moultrie*

Hymn 305

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Rosedale

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

Organ Voluntary

Tu es Petrus

Henri Mulet (1878–1967)

Pray, Care, & Connect

MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m., *Memorial Chapel*

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

Wednesday, 12 p.m., *Memorial Chapel*

Requesting Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Complete a gold-topped card in the pew rack.

Our clergy will pray for your request during the week.

PRAYER DURING COMMUNION

Prayer Ministers are ready to pray with you at the back of the church during Communion.

HEALING & ANOINTING

For all seeking healing of mind, body, or spirit, a member of the clergy will be available to anoint you with oil and lay hands upon you.

Traditional: Low Altar after Communion

Contemporary: Altar Rail after the service.

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