



# The Second Sunday *of* Christmas

*January 4, 2025*

## *We're glad you're worshipping with us. ☩*

Before we begin our services, we observe a time of prayerful reflection and preparation for worship. If you're new or looking to connect, we would love to meet you outside in the foyer before or after the service—simply find a member of the clergy or Connection Minister (look for the yellow lanyards).

### *New to Incarnation?*

We'd love to get you connected. Find out more about our church and explore membership at Incarnation 101. Our next event is 2/15/26.  
Email Ben: [bhodes@incarnation.org](mailto:bhodes@incarnation.org)

#### **BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION**

For adult baptism, email [baptism@incarnation.org](mailto:baptism@incarnation.org). To be confirmed in the church, email [jgriesbeck@incarnation.org](mailto:jgriesbeck@incarnation.org)

#### **CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION**

Schedule with any of the priests by emailing our pastoral care team at [nparkhurst@incarnation.org](mailto:nparkhurst@incarnation.org)



#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

Join the GroupMe conversation to stay connected with the latest.

#### **WEEKLY EMAIL**

Sign up at [incarnation.org/enews](http://incarnation.org/enews)

### *Connecting Families*

#### **NURSERY**

8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

*Infants to Age 3*

#### **CHILDREN'S**

##### **CHAPEL**

8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

*Pre-K–2nd grade*

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL: PRE-K–GRADE 5**

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

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

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

*On break until 1/11/26*

#### **SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION**

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

*On break until 1/11/26*

#### **YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6–12)**

Sundays, 6–7:15 p.m.

*On break until 1/11/26*

## *In need of prayer this morning?*

- You can write your prayer request on the gold-topped card in the pew rack in front of you, and our clergy team will pray over your request this week.
- Trained Prayer Ministers will be at the back of the Church during Communion ready to pray with you.
- 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. *Trad:* Low Altar after Communion; *Uptown:* Altar Rail after the service.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* ✠ Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and dwelled among us.  
*People* And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. Alleluia!

*Celebrant & People*

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

*Once in Royal David's City*

THE COLLECTS

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with your spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the

LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 84*

*Chorus*

*O LORD to dwell in your house is joy*

*I long to stand in your gates*

*And know the highway has led me home*

*To rest in your dwelling place*

*To rest in your dwelling place*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

*Chorus*

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield;  
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*Chorus*

## THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3–6, 15–19a*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, accord-

ing to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

## THE SEQUENCE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

*Deacon*      ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SEQUENCE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## THE SERMON

Cn. Oliver Lee

## 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*An appointed Leader begins the prayers, saying*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Each petition concludes*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The Deacon bids the Confession, after which 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.



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING *9am only*

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 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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

### SONG

*Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)*

### 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, saying*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

✠Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

### *The People kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, saying*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Celebrant & People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### *The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, saying*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**



## COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

### *Celebrant*

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.

### *Celebrant & People*

We do not presume 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.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

### Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water 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 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.

Gluten-free Bread and Wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice are available for those with a medical need; just notify a priest when you kneel at the altar rail. If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), 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.

SONG

*Behold Him*

SONG

*Joy to the World*

## THE POST-COMMUNION 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.

*The Celebrant gives the blessing.*

SONG

*Joy to the World*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*A priest is available to anoint you with oil and pray for you at the Altar Rail today. If you would like to receive this ministry of Holy Unction, please come forward and kneel at the conclusion of today's service.*

COVER ART  
"Christmas"  
by Khrystyna Kvyk

## Coming Up This Week

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### BELIZE BOOK DRIVE

Now through February 3, *Welcome Center*  
Janelle MacDonald | [jmacdonald@incarnation.org](mailto:jmacdonald@incarnation.org)

### BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

Monday, 8:15 a.m. or 12 p.m. *Ed. Bldg., Room 119*  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., *Ed. Bldg., Room 119*  
Betsey Fredericks | [befred82@gmail.com](mailto:befred82@gmail.com)

### MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Monday, 6:30–8:30 p.m., *Central Church Dallas*  
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### MEN'S BURNING OF THE GREENS

Monday, 8–10 p.m., *North Parking Lot*  
Jordan Greisbeck | [jgreisbeck@incarnation.org](mailto:jgreisbeck@incarnation.org)

### EPHIPHANY MASS

Tuesday, 12:15 p.m. | *Main Church*

### CLOTHING COLLECTION

Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., *Welcome Center*  
Janelle MacDonald | [jmacdonald@incarnation.org](mailto:jmacdonald@incarnation.org)

### HARMONIA STELLARUM

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Main Church*  
[incarnation.org/concerts](http://incarnation.org/concerts)

### READ, MARK, LEARN: EXODUS

Sunday, 10:20–11 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Rm 205*  
Stephen Bagby | [Sbagby@incarnation.org](mailto:Sbagby@incarnation.org)

## Weekday Services

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### MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

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

### HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

Wednesday, 12–1 p.m., *Memorial Chapel*

### *A Prayer for Quiet Confidence (BCP, p. 832)*

*O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# Featured Opportunities



## HARMONIA STELLARUM

*Saturday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. | Main Church*

Inspired by Mozart's fascination with the revolutionary Stein fortepiano, this concert celebrates the arrival of a brand-new copy of the instrument. Enjoy spirited Viennese music from "the land of the clavier," performed on period instruments. [incarnation.org/concerts](http://incarnation.org/concerts)



## WOMEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesdays, 9:15–11:30 a.m. | January 14–April 29 | Ed. Bldg. Rms 114-116, 119, 205*

Join us for *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis* by Nancy Guthrie, a study that explores how Genesis points to Christ through teaching, discussion, and personal Bible study.

Contact Sherri Minter at [COTIBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:COTIBibleStudy@gmail.com)



## MOM TO MOM

*Tuesdays, 8:45–11 a.m. | January 20–March 10 | Ed. Bldg. Rm, Room 205*

Moms are invited to be refreshed and encouraged through homemade breakfast, fellowship, and intentional conversation. Nursery care is provided. Register at [incarnation.org/mom](http://incarnation.org/mom)



## FAMILY FORMATION NIGHT

*Sunday, January 25, 5–7:30 p.m. | Great Hall*

An evening of dinner, fellowship, and conversation for parents and families. Speaker Mia Mbroh, LPC, will reflect on the theme, "And the Soul Felt Its Worth." Register: [incarnation.org/ffn](http://incarnation.org/ffn)

## Clergy & Ministers

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