



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Fourth Sunday *in Lent*

Letare

March 15, 2026

7:30 am & 11:15 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Organ Voluntary

Attende Domine, Op. 8, N° 3

Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit: *Letâre Ierúsalem*

REJOICE ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: at her consoling breast, exult and be satisfied. *Ps.* I was glad when they said unto me : we will go into the house of the LORD.

Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

Celebrant ✕ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

The Collects

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRACIOUS Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

1 Samuel 16:1–13

THE LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have

provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Tone VIII

THE LORD is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

ONCE you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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 and the Comfortable Words.

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.

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

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.

He feedeth me in pastures green, yea, he leadeth me beside still waters.

The Lord restoreth all my soul; he leadeth me in paths of righteousness to praise his holy Name.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark shadowed valley, yet I will fear no evil, for thou dost shelter me: thy rod and staff they comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me before the face of all my foes,

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full, it shall be full.

Thy goodness and thy mercy, they shall ever follow me;

Yea, I shall dwell for ever in the house of the Lord:

thy goodness and thy mercy shall ever follow me:

yea, I shall dwell evermore, dwell there for evermore.

Psalm 23

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.

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

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



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

VERY bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesus, with thy love, befriend us,
Thou refresh us, thou defend us, Thine eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see; Thou who all things canst and knowest,
Who on earth such food bestowest, grant us with thy saints, though lowest,
Where the heavenly feast thou showest, fellow heirs and guests to be.

Randolph Currie (b. 1943)

Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

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 bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

Organ Voluntary

Litanies

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

Altar Arrangements

Are given to the glory of God...

in loving memory of

Andrew B. Small, Jr. MD

Choral Evensong 5 PM

This evening's music will be:

Voluntary:	<i>Psalm Prelude Set 1, N^o 1, Howells</i>
Responses:	Clucas
Psalms 19, 47:	Darlington, Luther
Canticles:	<i>St. Paul's Service, Howells</i>
Anthem:	<i>O Domine Jesu Christe, Guerrero</i>
	<i>Reception to follow.</i>

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Coming Up This Week

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 10:20 a.m.

- *Gospel in Glass*, led by Fr. Cody Turner (Main Church) (all ages invited and welcome)
- *All other classes are on break this week and will resume Sunday, March 22.*

CHORAL EVENSONG & RECEPTION

Sunday, 5 p.m., *Main Church*

incarnation.org/evensong

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

Monday, 8:15 a.m. or 12 p.m., *Ed. Bldg., Room 119*

Tuesday, 6 p.m., *Ed. Bldg., Room 119*

*Sunday, 4 p.m. (*New group starting April 12*)

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DIVORCE CARE MEETING

Monday, 6:45–8:15 p.m., *Executive Conf. Room*

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TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

A Study on the Prophet Isaiah

Tuesday, 11–12:15 p.m., *Exec. Conf. Room*

Dr. Krause | david@visionaryphilanthropy.com

BACH'S LUNCH

Chamber Music Masterworks by Meadows, SMU

Tuesday, 12:15–1 p.m., *Main Church*

incarnation.com/concerts

LECTIONARY CLASS

Wednesday, 7:30–8:30 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Rm 115–116*

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WOMEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, 9:15–11:30 a.m., *Ed. Bldg., Room 205*

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MEN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION

One Man's Treasure

Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., *Welcome Center*

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ADULT CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, 7–8:30 p.m., *Ed. Bldg., Room 119*

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Weekday Services

MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

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

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

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

Featured Opportunities



EASTER LILIES

Donations due today by 11:59 p.m. | Welcome Center & Online

It's that time of year again! Let's help make the church beautiful by offering donations 'In Memory Of' and 'In Thanksgiving For.' In person and online at incarnation.org/lilies



DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, March 20, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Serving Multiple Careers Magnet Center, this event is open to all ages and abilities. Projects include painting, organizing, landscaping, and decorating. Register by 3/20 at incarnation.org/dos



INCARNATION PLACE INFO MEETING & LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 22, 12:30–1:30 p.m. | Ed. Bldg., Room 119

Learn about the opportunities available in the Roseland community, supporting local students. Discover how you can make a difference. More info: incarnation.org/ip-meeting



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sunday, March 29, at 4 p.m. | Main Church

Featuring beloved choruses and arias like the "Hallelujah" Chorus, this concert by Incarnatus celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. More at incarnation.org/concerts



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 29–April 5

This high and holy week is filled with ways to commemorate the work of Christ — from Palm Sunday, to the Triduum, to Easter Sunday. Details at incarnation.org/holy-week-2026

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