



# CHURCH *of the* INCARNATION

The Fourth Sunday *of* Easter

April 26, 2026

7:30 am & 11:15 am

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

## Organ Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Introit: *Misericórdia Dómini*

**T**HE loving-kindness of the LORD filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the LORD the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous : for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

### Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

*St. Columba*

*Celebrant* ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.*

### Kyrie

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

### Gloria in excelsis

*Priest* Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,  
*People* we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the



## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson

Acts 2:42–47

**T**HOSE who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 23

*Chant by Charles Hylton Stewart (1884–1932)*

**T**HE 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, though 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 hast 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

1 Peter 2:19–25

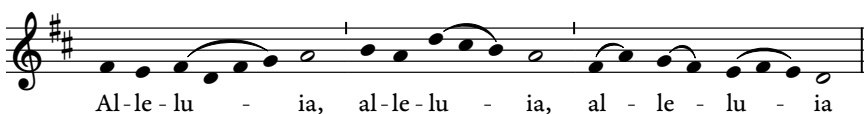
**I**T is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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.*



✠ I am the Good Shepherd : and know my sheep and am known of mine.

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**ESUS said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dn Dorothy Budd

## 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

**A**Lmighty 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.*

## Birthday Prayer

**W**ATCH 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

**L**OVING shepherd of thy sheep,  
Keep thy lamb in safety keep;  
Nothing can by power withstand,  
None can pluck me from thy hand.  
Loving shepherd, thou didst give  
Thine own life that I might live;  
May I love thee day by day,  
Gladly thy sweet will obey.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Loving shepherd ever near,  
Teach me still thy voice to hear;  
Suffer not my step to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.  
Where thou ledest may I go,  
Walking in thy steps below;  
Then before thy father's throne,  
Jesu, claim me for thine own.

*Jane Leeson (1807–1882)*



## Communion Devotions

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

### *Celebrant and People*

**O**UR 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*

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

## Agnus Dei

*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

ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## 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

Bernard Rose (1916–1996)

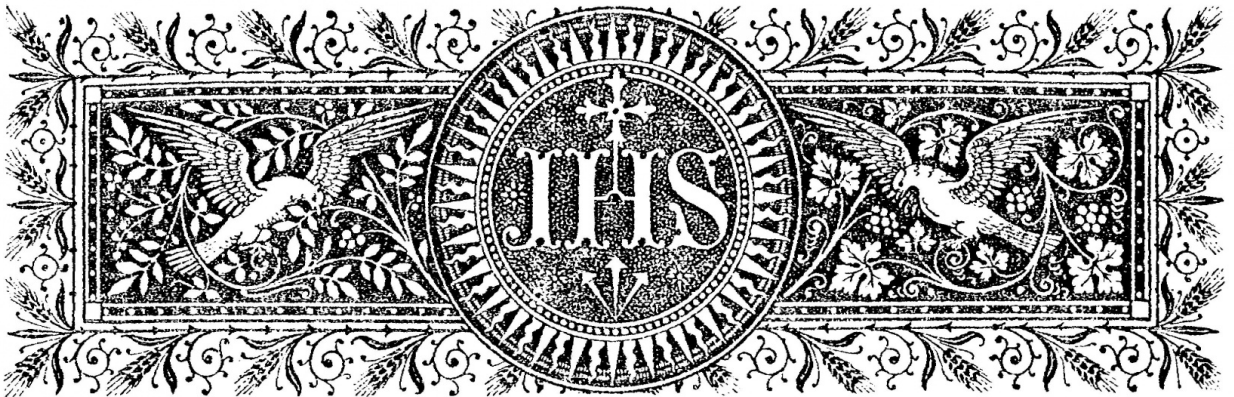
**S**URELY thou hast tasted that the Lord is good. So come to him, our living stone; the stone rejected by men but choice and precious in the sight of God. Come, and let yourselves be built, as living stones, into a spiritual temple; a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ.

*1 Peter: 3–5*

### Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

*St. Agnes*



## CONCLUDING RITES

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty 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. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Hymn 205**

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

*Gelobt sei Gott*

**Organ Voluntary**

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

## Choral Evensong 5 PM

*This evening's music will be:*

Voluntary: *Reflections: After a French Air*, Whitlock

Responses: Ferial

Psalm 103: Knight, Hancock

Canticles: *Service in A-flat*, MacDonald

Anthem: *God so loved the world*, Chilcott

*Reception to follow.*

**Cover art:** *The Resurrection*, Chantal Heinegg, icon

# Coming Up This Week

**EASTERTIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL** | Sunday, April 26 at 10:20 a.m.

- *Read, Mark, Learn: Leviticus & Numbers*, with Dr. Stephen Bagby (Ed. Bldg, Rm. 205)

## CHORAL EVENSONG & RECEPTION

Sunday, April 26, 5 p.m., *Church*  
[incarnation.org/evensong](http://incarnation.org/evensong)

## BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

Sunday, April 26, 4 p.m.  
Monday, April 27, 8:15 a.m. or 12p.m.  
Tuesday, April 28, 6 p.m.  
*Ed. Bldg., Rm. 119*  
**Betsey Fredericks** | [befred82@gmail.com](mailto:befred82@gmail.com)

## DIVORCE CARE MEETING

Monday, April 27, 6:45–8:15 p.m.  
*Executive Conference Room*  
**Shannon Baynham** | [baynhamshannon@gmail.com](mailto:baynhamshannon@gmail.com)

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

*A Study on the Prophet Isaiah*  
Tuesday, April 28, 11–12:15 p.m.  
*Executive Conference Room*  
**Dr. Krause** | [david@visionaryphilanthropy.com](mailto:david@visionaryphilanthropy.com)

## BACH'S LUNCH

*Bradley H. Welch, Organist, Dallas Symphony Orchestra*  
Tuesday, April 28, 12:15–1 p.m., *Church*  
[incarnation.com/concerts](http://incarnation.com/concerts)

## LECTIONARY CLASS

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30–8:30 a.m.  
*Ed. Bldg., Rm. 115–116*  
**Timothy Ralston** | [tralston@dts.edu](mailto:tralston@dts.edu)

## WOMEN'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 29, 9:15–11:30 a.m.  
*Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205*  
**Sherri Minter** | [COTIBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:COTIBibleStudy@gmail.com)

## SQUARE ONE: FOR NEW MOMS

Thursday, April 30, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
*Ed. Bldg., Rm. 029*  
**Ashley Hensel** | [ahensel@incarnation.org](mailto:ahensel@incarnation.org)

## WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

Thursday, April 30, 5–6:30 p.m.  
*Pastoral Care Office*  
**Nanci Parkhurst** | [nparkhurst@incarnation.org](mailto:nparkhurst@incarnation.org)

## SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS

Thursday, April 30, 3–5 p.m.  
Friday, May 1, 3–5 p.m.  
*Welcome Center*  
**Sabrina Steward** | [ssteward@incarnation.org](mailto:sssteward@incarnation.org)

## Weekday Services

### MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

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

### HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

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



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## Featured Opportunities



### SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS: MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*April 30 & May 1 from 3–5 p.m. | Welcome Center*

We are offering free sports physicals for uninsured or underinsured North Dallas student-athletes. If you are a medical professional, we invite you to volunteer. Email [ssteward@incarnation.org](mailto:ssteward@incarnation.org)



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Sign up by May 1 | Church of the Incarnation Campus*

Ages 4+ experience interactive Bible stories, worship, games, and crafts while learning that Jesus is the Light of the World. June 1–4, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. daily. [incarnation.org/VBS2026](http://incarnation.org/VBS2026)



### YFM: SENIOR BREAKFAST

*Sunday, May 3 at 10:20 a.m. | Great Hall*

Graduating seniors and their families are invited to a special breakfast honoring this milestone and celebrating their faith journeys. For more information, contact [jcamp@incarnation.org](mailto:jcamp@incarnation.org)



### ADVENTURERS' OUTING

*Saturday, May 9 | Offsite*

Enjoy lunch and a tour of the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, Texas. Free for ages 55+. Register with Nanci by April 27: [nparkhurst@incarnation.org](mailto:nparkhurst@incarnation.org)



### MOTHER'S DAY RECEPTION

*Sunday, May 10 at 10:20–11:10 a.m. | Welcome Center*

Bring mom and enjoy light bites, drinks, and a photo with your favorite mom as we celebrate the women who bless our lives.

## Clergy & Ministers

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