



Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2025

Welcome to Church of the Incarnation ✠

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.

Email Ben: bhodes@incarnation.org

BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

For adult baptism, email baptism@incarnation.org. To be confirmed in the church, email jgriesbeck@incarnation.org

CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Schedule with any of the priests by emailing our pastoral care team at nparkhurst@incarnation.org



YOUNG ADULTS

Join the GroupMe conversation to stay connected with the latest.

WEEKLY EMAIL

Sign up at incarnation.org/eneus

Requesting Prayer

- 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.

Connecting Families

NURSERY: INFANTS-AGE 3

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: GRADES PRE-K-2

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

6/7 Last day

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES PRE-K-2

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

5/17 Last day

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES 3-5

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

5/17 Last day

6th GRADE CONFIRMATION

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

Resumes 9/13

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GRADES 7-12

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

Resumes 9/13

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

SONG

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen, indeed! 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

Bring It to the Altar

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said

this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 47

Chorus

*Clap your hands, all you nations;
Shout for joy to the LORD most high!
Clap your hands, all you nations;
Sing a song to the LORD our God!
He is King of all creation;
He is King of all the earth.
Clap your hands, all you nations;
Shout for joy to the LORD most high!*

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the LORD Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Chorus

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

Chorus

God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

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, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE SEQUENCE

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SEQUENCE

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

THE SERMON

Fr Jordan Griesbeck

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.**

All greet one another in the peace of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 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.

The 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

Man of Sorrows (Hallelujah What A Savior)

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE 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.*

THE COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

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.

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

Intercensory Prayer Ministers are available in the back of Ascension Chapel after you receive Holy Communion.

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

Worthy Of It All

SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



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 BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

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
"Resurrection"
by Ivanka Demchuk

Coming Up This Week

EASTERTIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sunday at 10:20 a.m.

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

CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST

Sunday, 10–11 a.m., *Great Hall*

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CHORAL EVENSONG & RECEPTION

Sunday, 5 p.m., *Church*

incarnation.org/evensong

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Monday, 8:15 a.m. or 12 p.m.

Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm 119

Betsey Fredericks | befred82@gmail.com

DIVORCE CARE MEETING

Final meeting for spring

Monday, 6:45–8:15 p.m.

Executive Conference Room

Shannon Baynham | baynhamshannon@gmail.com

TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

A Study on the Prophet Isaiah

Tuesday, 11–12:15 p.m.

Executive Conference Room

Dr. Krause | david@visionaryphilanthropy.com

LECTIONARY CLASS (HYBRID)

In-person *or* via Zoom (QR code)

Wednesday, 7:30–8:30 a.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm 115–116

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WEDNESDAY CLOTHING COLLECTION

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

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WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

Thursday, 5–6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care Office

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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*

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to GIVE

stewardship 2026

Use the QR code to make your 2026 Stewardship pledge today! You may also pledge or give online at Incarnation.org/giving, by mail, or by placing your completed pledge card in the offering plate.



Featured Opportunities



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 17

Join us for the final day of Sunday School before summer break. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 13. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall! incarnation.org/classes



PENTECOST SUNDAY MUSIC

Sunday, May 24 | Church

9 & 11:15 a.m. services—Philips' *Loquebantur variis linguis* and Tallis' *O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit*
Evensong at 5 p.m.—Leighton's *Collegium Magdalene Oxoniense* and Sowerby's *Come, Holy Ghost*



GOD WILLING AND THE PEOPLE CONSENTING

The Right Reverend Robert P. Price
Bishop of Dallas

WILL ORDAIN

Shawn Antonio Torres

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

ON

Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m. | St. Matthew's Cathedral
5100 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75206

Reception Following

Clergy & Ministers

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