



CHURCH *of the* INCARNATION

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

11:15 am

NOTES ON THE MUSIC

The Choral Mass setting this morning weaves together two musical voices separated by four centuries: William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices* and Nico Muhly's *Bright Mass with Canons*, composed in 2005 for John Scott and the choir of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue.

A central feature of both settings is the canon: a musical form of "follow-the-leader" in which one voice follows another in close imitation. Muhly's *Gloria* and *Agnus Dei* draw inspiration from Byrd's own imitative style, especially as heard in the *Kyrie* and *Sanctus*.

Heard together, these two Masses form an intricate musical dialogue: Byrd's supple, interwoven lines find a contemporary reflection in Muhly's bright, echoing patterns, inviting us to hear continuity across time and faith in the shared language of sacred choral music.

Altar Arrangements

Are given to the glory of God...

in loving memory of

Caryl McElvain Bradford Keys

Choral Evensong 5 PM

This evening's music will be:

Voluntary: *Allegro from Symphony N° 6*, Widor
Responses: Jackson
Psalms 24, 96: Barnby, Thalben-Ball
Canticles: *Chichester Service*, Walton
Anthem: *Viri Galilæi*, Gowers
Reception to follow.

Cover art: *The Ascension*, John Singleton Copley, oil on canvas

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHORAL MASS SETTINGS:

Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd (1540–1623)

Bright Mass with Canons, Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

Organ Voluntary

Trio super Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 664

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit: *Viri Galilaëi*

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven, alleluia; In like manner as you have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* O clap your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

Hymn 214

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

Llanfair

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Kyrie (*Mass for Four Voices*, William Byrd)

KYRIE eleison.
Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis (*Bright Mass with Canons*, Nico Muhly)

GLORIA in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te; benedicimus te;

adoramus te; glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,*

have mercy upon us.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

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

O 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 abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The 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.

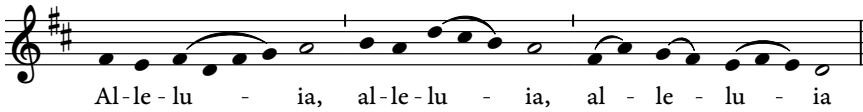
People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

THE LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the LORD hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began, hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O LORD, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly : but yet the LORD, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O LORD, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.

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



✠ God is gone up with a merry noise : and the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Robert Price

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Asa Shay Absalom
Bede Timothy Bagby
Alice Jane Ball
Cooper O'Neil Brown
Reid Holm Brown
Sterling Greer Bruce
John Hammond Clifton
Clayton Jacob Conn
Virginia Cole Cosgrove
Caffey Gibson Ewing
Brandy Lynne Femat
Lucas Guillermo Femat
Walter James Hambleton
Eloise Diane Hart
Elizabeth Alyce Haylock
Sophie Lynn Haylock

Annlynn Margaret Hunter
Avery Cathleen Lang
Elizabeth Anne Leary
Samuel Dutton LeBlanc
Andrew Cashel Lemming
Reese Elizabeth Lockard
Elliot Hael Montanaro
Mia Susan Parker
Juan Pablo Quintana Hermoso
Eli Michael Sivinski
Auden Elias Tohlen
William Keith Turner
Cecily Zahra Wernz
Grace Mary Whitfield
Colin Birdwell Wienke
Benjamin Grant Wyman

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters Reverend Father in God, I present these persons for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The People stand.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

The Bishop then invites the People to renew their promises made at Baptism.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

People I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Each petition concludes

People Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Bishop concludes the prayers with a Collect.

The Rite of Confirmation

The Candidates kneel before the Bishop, who anoints them, lays hands upon them, and prays over them.

The Bishop concludes with a prayer for the candidates.

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.

Instructions for Holy Communion

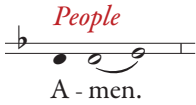
All Christians who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Triune God, who come forward in faith, and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are warmly invited to do so on this occasion.

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer found on pg. 341 of the Prayerbook, which concludes

BY whom, and with whom, and in 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.

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 (Bright Mass with Canons, Nico Muhly)

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

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

CÆLOS ascendit hodie,
Jesus Christus Rex gloriae, alleluia!
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
gubernat cœlum et terram, alleluia!
Jam finem habent omnia,
Patris Davidis carmina, alleluia!
Jam Dominus cum Domino,
sedet in Dei solio, alleluia!
In hoc triumpho maximo, benedicamus Domino,
alleluia! Laudatur Sancta Trinitas,
Deo dicamus gratias, alleluia! Amen.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
*Today Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
has ascended into the heavens, alleluia!
He sits at the Father's right hand,
ruling heaven and earth, alleluia!
Now are David's songs fulfilled,
now is the Lord with his Lord, alleluia!
He sits upon the royal throne of God,
in this his greatest triumph, alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord:
let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to the Lord, alleluia! Amen.*

Anonymous 12th Century

Hymn 221

O Lord Most High, eternal King

Gonfalon Royal

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.

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.
People From this time forth, for evermore.

The Bishop blesses the People, saying

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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

Hymn 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

In Babilone

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

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

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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

 Timothy Ralston | tralston@dts.edu

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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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*

The image is a formal ordination certificate for Shawn Antonio Torres. On the left is the seal of the Diocese of Dallas, featuring a shield with a cross, a chalice, and a book, surrounded by the text 'DIOCESE OF DALLAS' and 'DECEMBER 20, A.D. 1895'. The central text reads: '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.', and 'St. Matthew's Cathedral, 5100 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75206'. At the bottom, it says 'Reception Following'.

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