



A Service for the Young
and the Young at Heart

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

23 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 9:15 AM
The Cathedral of the Incarnation
Garden City, New York

Welcome to *Cathedral for Kids* - *A Mass for the Young and Young at Heart*

Everyone is welcome in God's house and we are glad you're here! In the Episcopal Church, we pray using our whole bodies - our minds, our voices, our hands, and our feet. Here are few of the ways we pray together:

- ***When we sit, we listen with our ears and our hearts.*** Sitting helps us be comfortable so we are ready to receive God's Word and hear what God is speaking to our hearts in prayer.
- ***We also stand when we join our voices together in song.*** Few things make a community feel more welcoming than singing, and we invite you to participate fully in this Mass. Besides, singing together is fun!
- ***When we hear the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we make the sign of the cross.*** We touch our foreheads, our chest, our left shoulder, and our right shoulder, making the sign of the cross on our bodies. Look for the + in your bulletin indicating when you can make the sign of the cross!

In the Church Calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the season following Christmas in which Christ's light continues to grow and grow. Epiphany begins with the three kings coming from a distant land to offer gifts to the Christ-child, the Messiah of the Hebrew people - and it expands to celebrate the presence of God in the person of Jesus for the sake of the whole world. God's love is for all. Emmanuel! God with us and for us!

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to know more about our programs and services, please speak with one of the clergy, ask one of our members, or email us anytime at cathedral@incarnationgc.org.

GATHERING MUSIC

*After a brief welcome, we begin our worship time together
by joining our voices in several short refrains.*

GOD WELCOMES ALL *(please remain seated)*

John Bell

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it ne - ver ends.

WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE *(please stand)*

Bruce Ballinger

We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him.
Let us lift up ho - ly hands, to mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him.

We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him.
Let us lift up ho - ly hands, to mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him.

We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and
Let us lift up ho - ly hands, to mag - ni - fy His name and
wor - ship Christ the Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.
wor - ship Christ the Lord.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

Presider + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing:
Send your Holy Spirit and point to our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the
true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead

before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, all sit for the reading

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-8a,15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All young people are invited to the front to hear the Word of God and to sit on the story rug for the Sermon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*all stand and sing the refrain*)

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if

anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON (*please be seated*)

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Presider

By what names do you present these children for Baptism?

Parents & Godparents

We present Catherine Amelia, Albert Vicente, and Henry Manuel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children, whom you present, are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Catherine, Albert, and Henry, do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Presider

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Presider

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Presider

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer

I do.

Presider

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer

I do.

Presider

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer

I do.

Presider

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

People

We will.

WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH Fred Rogers, 1992

Deacon We offer our prayers for the Church and for the world.

Dear God, please inspire our hearts to come ever closer to You. We pray for those people who know us and accept us as we are. Those people who encourage us to see what's really fine in life.

We pray for all the people of Your world, our sisters and brothers whose names we may not know but whose lives are ultimately precious in Your sight. With all our hearts, we pray for all Your children everywhere - yes, everywhere.

And finally we offer our strengths and our weaknesses, our joys and our sorrows to Your never-ending care. Help us to remember all through our lives that we never need to do difficult things alone, that Your presence is simply for the asking and our ultimate future is assured by Your unselfish love.

In our deepest gratitude we offer this prayer. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it, the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin

and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISMS

Presider Catherine/Albert/Henry, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Presider Catherine/Albert/Henry, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give to them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN IS FOUND ON PAGE 11 OF THIS PROGRAM

Please be seated as we sing the Offertory Hymn. When the ushers come to your seat, please place your offering in the basket. Today's offering supports the ministries of the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because, in the

incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,___
 hea-ven and earth___ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ___ Ho -
 san - na in___ the high - est,___ ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

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:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. + And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.
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,
forever and ever. Amen.

BREAK THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. Then all say together

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by thanksgiving.

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion in the cathedral. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like to receive gluten-free Eucharist, please tell the priest when you come forward.

COMMUNION MOTET: *Epiphany Carol*

Bruce Neswick

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold. Sing, sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do." Then, then from heaven a double sign dove-like Spirit, voice divine hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my Beloved Son." Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call. Sing of God made manifest on a cloud capped mountain's crest, where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone

remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv'n as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

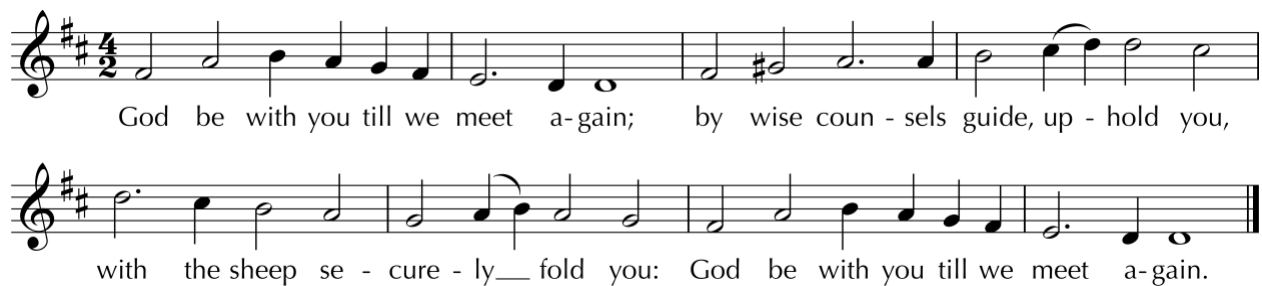
ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please remain seated)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



God be with you till we meet a-gain; by wise coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
with the sheep se - cure - ly__ fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

BLESSING & EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Greet those around you in the name of the Lord. All are invited to Fellowship in Faith, an intergenerational formation and fellowship hour held today at the **Mercer School of theology** immediately following service.*

Offertory Hymn

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Announcements

Dean's Forum - Sunday, February 23, 10:15-11am

Signs and Symbols: How Do We Understand the Mass?

In Lent, the Cathedral returns to three weekday masses held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Noon. In preparation, Fr. Cam Walker invites you to a lively discussion of the Holy Eucharist as celebrated in our Episcopal tradition.

Fellowship in Faith- February 23, 10:15-11am

Stone Soup Sunday

Once a month, children complete a service project reflecting the values of our faith. As winter intensifies, we prepare a winter soup for our neighbors. Parent volunteers are always welcome.

Youth Confirmation Class starts Sunday, March 9 - Sundays, 10:15-11am

March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

Students in grades 8-12 prepare for Confirmation in the Episcopal Church beginning Sunday, March 9th. Contact Mo. Kate for more information, or to register, see our eNews for the registration link.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Rescheduled for Feb. 23 10-11:15am at Mercer. Join us as we knit items for people who have asked for prayers. Beginners welcome.

Save the Date for a Mardi Gras celebration - Saturday, March 1, 4-7pm.

Celebrate Mardi Gras and prepare for Lent at an event for all ages Saturday, March 1, at Incarnation Chapel. Activities will include the burning of palms followed by a service of Holy Eucharist and Mardi Gras supper.

Exploring New Monasticism – Wednesdays, March 12, 19 & 26 6:30-7:30 pm – Join us to learn more about monasticism. Learn more at spiritualimagination.org/events.

Visio Divina for Lent – Mondays, March 17, 24 & 31 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join our Franciscan Year Novices for these events. Learn more at spiritualimagination.org/events.

Mothering Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Save the Date, Sunday March 30. If you can help with preparations or on the day of the event, please contact Diana Campbell at connect@incarnationgc.org.

Join us on Wednesdays at Noon in the Cathedral for our weekly healing mass. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 5, we will have noon Mass Tuesday through Thursday every week.

For further information, please sign up for our eNews every Friday morning at incarnationgc.org/connect/e-news or email us at Cathedral@IncarnationGC.org

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