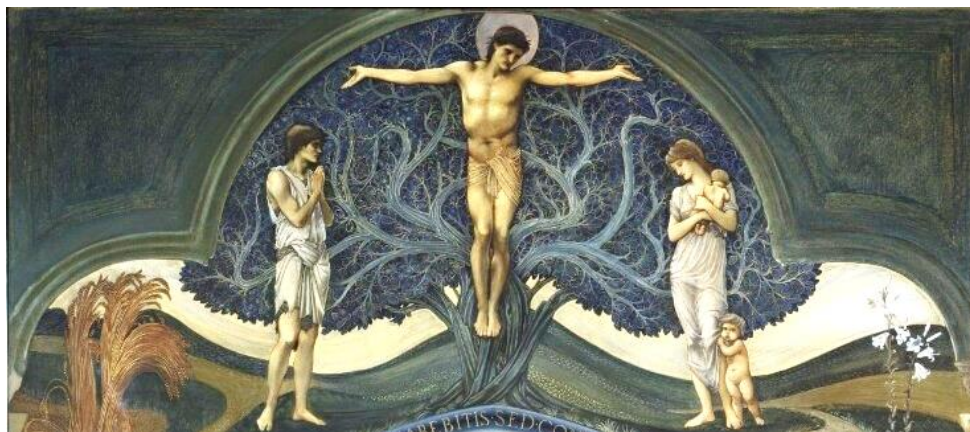




# INCARNATION CHAPEL

A NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITY WITH JESUS AT THE CENTER



## Eve of the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2024, 5:00 pm

### Welcome

*The people remain seated.*

### Welcoming the sabbath:

How good and how pleasant it is when people dwell together in unity.

**Come let us welcome the sabbath.**

## Opening Reflection and Confession:

*We reflect on the image of the face of Christ in silence, scripture, and song*

### Jesus dies on the Cross

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished!” And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.

*(John 19)*

Christ for us became obedient unto death:

**Even death on a cross.**

*A significant time of silence follows as we reflect on our lives, in particular, on the ways we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. At the end of the silence we sing*



*All stand*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*(Mark 12:29-31)*

**Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Collect of the day:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word:

*(All sit)* A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness \***  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned \***  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \***  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \***  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 **Hide your face from my sins \***  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

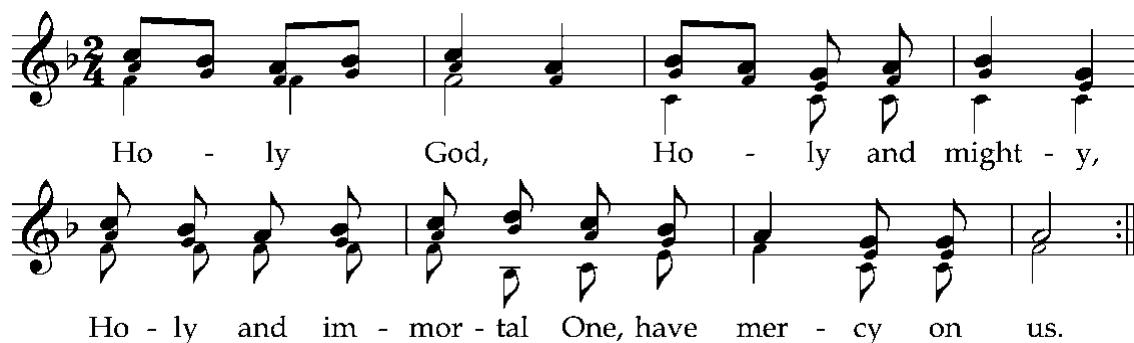
11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 **Cast me not away from your presence \***  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

*All stand as we sing:*

Ukrainian Chant



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y,  
Ho - ly and im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on us.

## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-33)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All sit for: The Homily*

*A period of silence follows the homily. Then the celebrant invites all to stand and says*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, for Michael, our Presiding bishop, Lawrence, our bishop and all who minister in your Church. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth; especially we pray for Incarnation Chapel, the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Church of the Advent, and our Diocese. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation throughout the whole Church. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world, in places ravaged by war, especially Ukraine and the Holy Land, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, especially for those whose names we now remember silently or aloud ... Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended and for grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Patrick and all those who have walked in the way of holiness. Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Table**

*The Celebrant bids an Offertory Sentence. The people sit. We offer the fruit of our life and labor as the table is prepared. Then all stand to sing*



*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

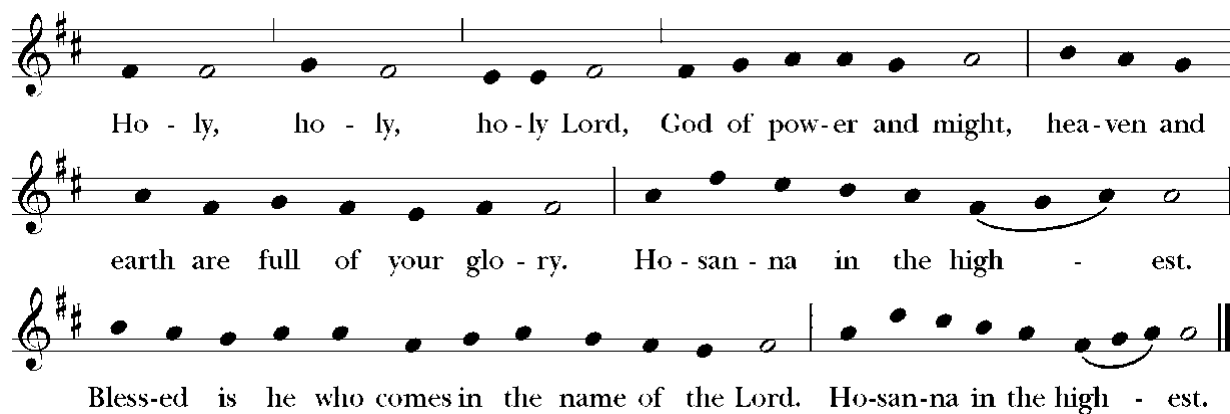
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:



We praise you, O God, Savior of the World. For you made all humankind in your own image, to rule your creation in peace, and commanded us to live together in love forever. When our first parents disobeyed you, turned away and hid their faces from you, you sought them in the cool of the evening. Though they wandered far away from the tree of life you gave them, you never ceased to search for us, their children.

With the same steadfast love, you led your people Israel out of slavery; and when they deserted you and worshipped false gods - still you did not forsake them. You gave them your law to guide them, and you led them through the desert to a new land of promise.

In due time, you sent your Son himself to seek out the lost and bring them the good news of your boundless mercy. He did not keep himself to the company of the righteous; he chose sinners for his friends; and laying before them your gift of forgiveness, he died for them on the tree of the cross, showing the fullness of love.

Then you raised him from the dead and poured out your spirit on humankind. When he opened again the gates of paradise, Adam and Eve rejoiced as he pulled them from the grave. Now he shares his victory with those who rejected him. Now we sinners, too, rejoice to give thanks for the death and risen life of your Son; and in the power of his spirit, we have turned from our errors to follow his example and share his saving life in the breaking of bread.

For 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 in 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Eternal God, from all the things that are yours, we offer you these, which are yours especially. We offer them gladly, as he told us, giving thanks for his death and resurrection. And, seeing that the power of sin is broken, and Christ is all in all, we praise you, and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Now send your sanctifying spirit to show us that this bread and this cup are the body and blood of your Son, and every sin is pardoned, and every debt is redeemed, and you have made us your holy people. And in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God; and all your saints, bring us at last to his kingdom of peace.

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.**

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

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 faith, with thanksgiving.

*The congregation receives communion. During communion the Cantor sings:*

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?  
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend.*

*(Text: Samuel Crossman; Music: John Ireland)*

***After communion we all stand to join in singing the hymn at the end of the service bulletin – Then turn back to this page***

Let us pray:

**Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Announcements** *Please be seated*

*All stand as the Celebrant bids a prayer over the people*

Bow down before the Lord.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. (*Romans 5.1,2*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

***We invite everyone to share a simple sabbath meal!***

### **Coming up at Incarnation Chapel:**

**Vigil of Palm Sunday:** Saturday, March 23, 5:00 pm. Join us for a special liturgy including the blessing of palms. We commemorate Jesus' anointing at Bethany by Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, and then the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, a sign of the coming Kingdom of God.

**Good Friday:** March 29, Vespers of the Burial of our Lord 7:30 pm. A service of Psalms, readings, and song inspired by the Eastern Orthodox tradition. We venerate an icon of the Lord's body as we move from Jesus' passion to his tomb awaiting the coming of the resurrection.

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**Cantor:** Joslyn Thomas

**Assisting ministers:** Curtis Murray, Robert Russo, Christine Scott

1. I can - not tell why he whom an - gels wor - ship  
 2. I can - not tell how si - lent - ly he suf - fered  
 3. I can - not tell how he will win the na - tions,  
 4. I can - not tell how all the lands shall wor - ship

should come in flesh as proph - ets long fore - told,  
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
 how he will claim his earth - ly her - i - tage,  
 when at his bid - ding ev - ery storm is stilled,

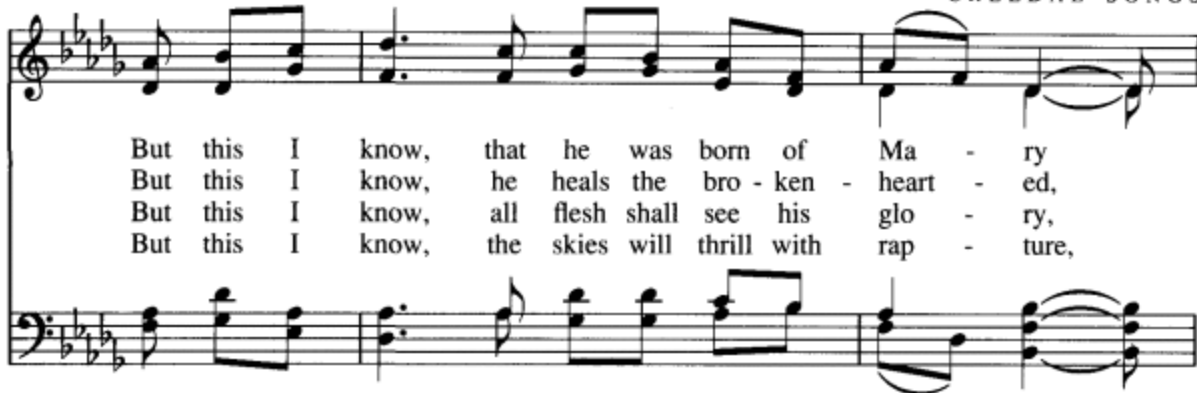
or why the Shep - herd longs to save the wan - derers  
 or how his heart up - on the cross was bro - ken,  
 how sat - is - fy the needs and as - pi - ra - tions  
 or who can say how great the ju - bi - la - tion

and bring them back re - joic - ing to the fold.  
 the crown of pain to three and thir - ty years.  
 of east and west, of sin - ner and of sage.  
 when all our hearts with love for him are filled.

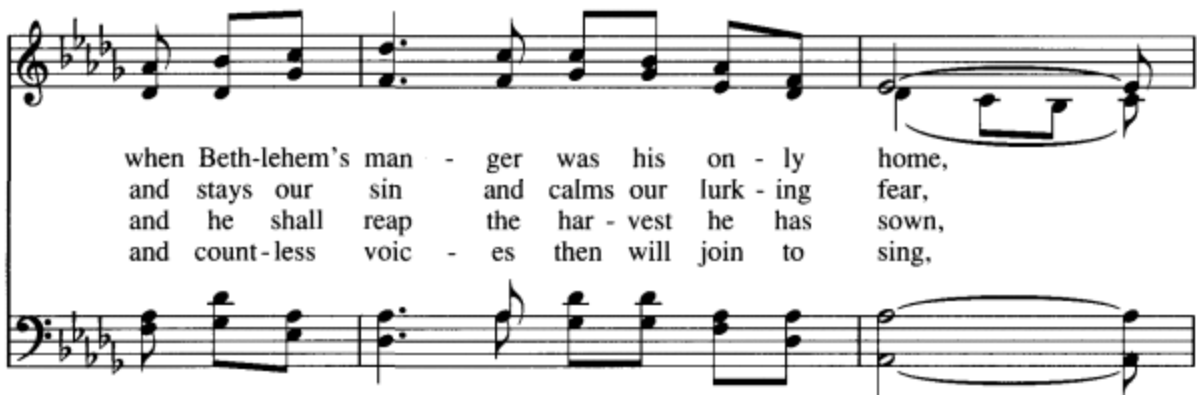
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But this I know, that he was born of Ma - ry  
 But this I know, he heals the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his glo - ry,  
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with rap - ture,



when Beth-lehem's man - ger was his on - ly home,  
 and stays our sin and calms our lurk - ing fear,  
 and he shall reap the har - vest he has sown,  
 and count - less voic - es then will join to sing,



and that he lived at Naz - a - reth and la - bored,  
 and lifts the bur - den from the heav - y - la - den,  
 and some glad day his sun will shine in splen - dor,  
 and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will an - swer:



and so the prom - ised Sav - ior of the world is come.  
 for still the suf - fering Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 when he, the ris - en Sav - ior of the world, is known.  
 "At last the liv - ing Sav - ior of the world is King!"