



INCARNATION CHAPEL

A NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY WITH JESUS AT THE CENTER

Eve of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024, 5:00 pm

Welcome *All remain seated*

Welcoming the Sabbath

Come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Come let us welcome the Sabbath.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving. And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Come let us welcome the Sabbath.

Then is read: Briefly It Enters, and Briefly Speaks, a poem by Jane Kenyon

I am the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper....

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

A significant time of silent contemplation follows the reading. Then all stand

Alleluia Christ is Risen

The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

We join in singing

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Peo-ples!
Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num, om - nes

Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.
gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! Lau - da - te Do - mi - num,

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home;

seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

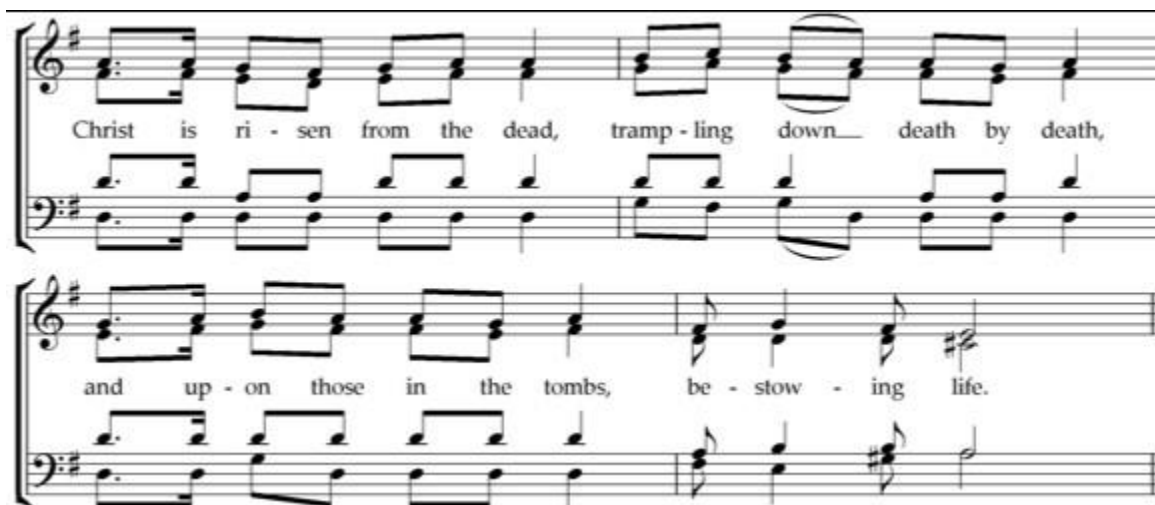
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing



✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8)

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

All are seated

The Homily

Remain seated for a period of silence following the homily. Then all stand.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

All are invited to come forward and bless themselves with the water of baptism as we recommit ourselves to Christ. We sing verses 1 and 2 of the hymn.

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er Soon our pil-grimage will cease

With its crys-tal tide for - ev - er Flow-ing by the throne of God?
 We will walk and wor-ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 Grace our spir-its will de -- liv - er, And pro-vide a robe and crown.
 Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o dy of peace

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, The beau-tiful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;

Gath-er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Prayers of the People

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The celebrant invites the intercessions of the people, then concludes:

Lord Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Table

The Celebrant bids an Offertory Sentence. The people sit. We offer the fruit of our life and labor. While the table is prepared the cantor sings

*O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.
Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.
When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.
Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.*

Words: Susan Palo Cherwien

Tune: Bergland, by Robert Buckley Farlee

The people stand to sing the hymn as the altar is censed

Let us, who mystically repre-sent the Cherubim, and sing the thrice-ho - ly hymn
to the life - creating Tri - ni - ty, now set aside all earth - ly cares,
that we may welcome the King of all, invisibly escorted by an - gel - ic hosts. Al -
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgⁱⁿ Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast Alleluia.

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 as the cantor sings,

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

--Anthem at the breaking of bread

After communion we all stand to join in singing the following hymn

Descant

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-1 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Let us pray:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Please be seated

Then all stand as the Celebrant bids a Blessing over the people

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to a simple sabbath celebration.

Coming Soon:

Saturday, May 4 –5 pm ROGATIONTIDE CELEBRATION

The Sunday before Ascension Day, as well as Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week the Church celebrates Rogation days (from a Latin word for asking God's blessing) we pray for the earth, for fruitful harvests, and deliverance from natural disasters. Traditionally, the celebration includes an outdoor procession. Here at Incarnation Chapel, we will process together to bless our grounds and

our new outdoor sign at the beginning of our service. Deacon Denise Galloway will be our preacher.

Saturday, May 4 – 7 pm CATHEDRAL'S GOT TALENT

Join us in the cathedral for an evening of entertainment, fun and fellowship!

- Hosted by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Sniffen, Dean of the Cathedral
- Showcasing the diverse talents of members of our church community
- A reception with light snacks will follow

Contact: cathedral@incarnationgc.org

Saturday, May 18 – 5 pm THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

We welcome the second great feast of the Church with candle lighting, readings, song, and Eucharist in a service that mirrors the great vigil of Easter. Dean Michael Sniffen will be our preacher. A perfect opportunity to invite your friends and family. A picnic will follow, weather permitting.

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