

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18th, 2024**

The Processional Hymn

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The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Psalms 34:9-14

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his | saints, *
for those who fear him lack | nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer | hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is | good.
- 11 Come, children, and | listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the | Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves | life *
and desires long life to enjoy pros- | perity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil | speaking *
and your lips from lying | words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do | good; *
seek peace and pur- | sue it.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual Hymn

[H] 488, stanzas 1-2

The Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Sermon Hymn

[H] 488, stanza 3

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Apoldo

Offertory Anthem

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,

In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903).

Communion Hymns

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The Processional Hymn

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Calendar

Sunday, August 18	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Server Training
Thursday, August 22	5:30 Grief Support Group
Sunday, August 25	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 CONFIRMATION! 11:45 Reception

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Server Training

Would you be interested in helping lead worship? We're looking for folks to serve in all capacities:

- Greeters - pass out bulletins, take up the offering, and send folks up to communion
- Camera Operators - control the livestream on a touchpad tablet
- Digital Greeters - greet virtual worshippers online
- Crucifers - carry the cross in procession and help set the table for Communion
- Lectors - read the lessons
- Intercessors - lead the prayers
- Eucharistic Ministers - serve the wine at Communion (must be a Confirmed member of Incarnation)

If you'd like to serve in any of these areas, plan to attend our training session next Sunday, August 18, right after the 10:30 service. We'll have you ready to serve in September!

Grief Support Group

Darnell Wilkins convenes a grief support group on Thursdays at 5:30 at Incarnation.

Morning Prayer Hiatus

Jenny+ and Miles will be on vacation August 10-24, as will Morning Prayer. You're encouraged to continue to pray the Daily Office on your own (or by way of the ECP app) until Monday, August 26 when our livestream will return.

Confirmation Sunday

Bishop Richards will be with us next Sunday, August 25, for Confirmations and Receptions. Join us to celebrate those who are committing themselves to follow Christ!

Confirmation Reception

Plan to stay after the 10:30 service next week for a reception honoring our newest Episcopalians and greeting the bishop. If you can help provide food for this event, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

King of the Casseroles

On Sunday, September 1, our monthly breakfast will return at 9:30 with the King of the Casseroles competition. Everyone is invited to bake their finest, most innovative breakfast casserole and bring it to church. We'll sample them all and vote for our favorite. One chef will win the coveted golden spatula award and bragging rights for the coming year.

Episcopal Coffee and Conversations

The first and third Tuesdays of each month (starting September 3) at 11:00 we'll gather to explore our faith more deeply. Come this first week of the fall with all your questions about our practices and positions so we can set our agenda for the next few months.

Deep Dive into the Book of Common Prayer

Our all-ages Sunday School class will start Sunday, September 8. Our Book of Common Prayer is a treasure trove of prayers and liturgies for every occasion. We'll explore it in depth. Who wrote it and when? How can I use it at home? How do I find out what Episcopalians believe? We'll answer these questions and more as we explore the BCP from cover to cover.

Next Week's Readings:

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Donations

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THOSE WHO SERVE

	August 18 13 th Pentecost 10:30 am	August 25 14 th Pentecost 10:30 am
Altar Guild	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Becky Vassy Cathy Roberts Nancy Fowler
Coffee Hour	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson
Greeters	Jennie Hamrick Robin Childers	Gena Poovey Noah Lindemann
Digital Greeter	Niccie Dearing	Morgan Johnson
Camera	Ellie Bird	Don Bird
Nursery	Becky Zinko	Cathy Roberts
Euch. Min.	Don Bird	Niccie Dearing
Crucifer	Don Bird	Niccie Dearing
1 st Lector	Bobbi Albert	Ellie Bird
2 nd Lector	Niccie Dearing	Cynthia Glidden
Intercessor	Scott Glidden	Angharad Torres
Flowers	Available	Cathy Roberts
Counters	Niccie Dearing Robin Childers	Ellie Bird David Cornmesser
Pew Racks	Available	Mimi McCully