



# THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION HIGHLANDS, NORTH CAROLINA

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary

Processional Hymn

No. 657  
*Hyfrydol*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*

**A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into 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.

*People* Amen

## THE LESSONS

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**J**oseph 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; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” 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.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Sung by Choir

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.

- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD,  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD  
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them;  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*People*

## At the Sequence

Hymn

No. 593  
*Dickinson College*

The Holy Gospel                      Luke 6:27-38 (*standing*)

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.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Skully Knight

The Nicene Creed

**W**E BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*  
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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.

*People* Amen.

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Church of the Incarnation and its mission are  
supported by the voluntary giving of visitors and its members.**

## At the Offertory

Anthem *Hallelujah, Amen*

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah Amen, Amen, Hallelujah Amen.  
O Judah rejoice, rejoice O Judah, in songs divine,  
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join.  
Hallelujah Amen, Amen, Hallelujah Amen.

## Presentation

391 v.1  
*Winchester New*

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant says the Preface...concluding:*

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:

*Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

S-125  
*Proulx*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues...concluding:*

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.

*People* Amen.

**A**nd now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Everyone is welcome to come forward to the Altar rail at this time, following the indication of the ushers. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion. Others who wish may receive a blessing from the priest; please indicate that this is what you wish by crossing your arms over your chest as you kneel. To receive the Bread, please hold out your hands so the Priest may place the wafer in your open palms. To receive the wine, guide the Chalice to your lips with your fingers. After receiving the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to your pew by the side aisles and kneel or sit.*

*The clergy are eager to meet with anyone interested in the Sacrament of Baptism.*

## Communion

No. 577  
*Ubi caritas*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

**E**ternal 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.

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Recessional

No. 390  
*Lobe den Herren*

## Voluntary

PLEASE SEE OUR WEEKLY EMAIL FOR  
THE CURRENT PARISH PRAYER LIST.  
PRINTED COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

## CHILDREN

**A nursery** is available for infants  
through age 5 on the lower level.

**Children's Worship Bags** are available  
near the entrances into the Nave.

Please ask an usher if you have questions or need assistance.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

HOLY EUCHARIST,  
Rite I  
Sunday - 8:00 AM  
*Historic Chapel*

HOLY EUCHARIST,  
Rite II with Choir  
Sunday - 10:30 AM  
*Nave/Main Sanctuary*

MORNING PRAYER  
Monday through Thursday  
8:30 AM  
*Historic Chapel*

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY  
Resumes in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST  
WITH HEALING PRAYERS  
Wednesday  
Noon  
*Historic Chapel*

FORMATION  
Resumes in Lent

# THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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