



# The Incarnation Word

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John Donne was born in London in 1573. His family were Roman Catholics even though practice of that faith was illegal in England. Donne lived the first part of his life with the wealthy and prestigious. He spent countless sums on wine and women, and attended both Cambridge and Oxford. After law school, he was appointed to a post at the court of King James I. But he fell in love with the wrong woman, and married her against her father's wishes. He was imprisoned briefly when his marriage, performed by a Catholic priest, was declared invalid. King James regretfully relieved Donne of his prestigious post at court. But the king, who saw something more in Donne, encouraged him to pursue ordination in the Anglican church. He became a priest, and eventually rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.



One of my favorite Lenten hymns takes a poem by John Donne and sets it to music. In it Donne repents of sins: personal sins, sins that caused others to stumble, and finally the sin of lack of faith. At the end of each of the first two stanzas, Donne recognizes that God has finished forgiving, but confesses that he has more repenting to do. It's only when he's assured of God's ultimate forgiveness, his salvation, that he

needs to repent no more for he fears no more. As we sing this hymn in Lent, may it become your own confession.



### *A Hymn to God the Father*

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun,  
which is my sin,  
though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive those sins  
through which I run,  
and do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won  
others to sin,  
and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin  
which I did shun  
a year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
for I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread,  
I shall perish on the shore;  
I shall swear by thyself,  
that at my death thy Son  
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.  
And having done that, thou hast done,  
I fear no more.

## — From Bishop Waldo —

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many years ago, as a young, newly-married musician in Boston, I commuted 70 miles three times per week into Cambridge, Massachusetts, from our home in the woods of southwestern New Hampshire. The long drives home, often late at night, gave me the chance to listen to tapes of lectures and music. One was a tape of Frederick Buechner giving the talks that would become his autobiographical book, *Now and Then: A Memoir of Vocation*, published in 1983.



One story he tells in the book is of a period in his life when he taught religion—at Exeter Academy, as I remember it. Among his



classes was one on world religions. He had asked his students to imagine two statues—one of the Buddha in prayer, the other of Jesus in prayer, both with eyes closed. After some discussion on prayer,

he clarified the key difference between the intentions represented by these images. The Buddha's eyes were closed to shut out the world; Jesus' eyes were closed around the world, embracing it in its totality.

The contrast between these two images and the implications for my discipleship were immediately apparent to me. If Jesus' eyes, closed in their embrace of the world, are eyes of compassion and signs of God's infinite love for the world, my own discipleship would have to reflect that in every relationship—both public and private.

Such depth of compassion remains a challenge for me. Therefore, when I take on a Lenten discipline, I seek something that will initiate a change deep within me—to see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and especially to follow him more nearly. When I hold this intention in the light of Christ's all-embracing compassion, I return again and again to John 3:16, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life." Because of God's love for me and my love for God, I am called to open the doors of my heart to others. This is as true when I find myself in the midst of dissonance and disagreement in the Church as it is when I randomly encounter someone whose presence or situation dares me to open my heart and be the disciple God calls me to be.

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and his Sermon on the Plain in Luke, Jesus says that we are to "Love your enemies" and, in Luke (6:27-28), "do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." In Matthew (5:44-45), he says, "Love your

## ✠ March 2013 ✠

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Rector's Sabbath	2 9:30 DOK
3 3rd Lent 8:30 HE I 9:30 Breakfast 10:30 HE II 11:45 Worship Committee	4	5	6 5:30 Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir	7	8 Rector's Sabbath	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast
10 4th Lent 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II	11	12	13 5:30 Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir	14	15 Rector's Sabbath 5:30 Family Supper Club	16
17 5th Lent 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II	18	19 7:00 Vestry Meeting	20 5:30 Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Choir	21	22 Rector's Sabbath	23
24 Palm Sunday 4th for Food 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II 11:45 Seder Table Leaders' Practice	25 Holy Monday Clergy Vow Renewal	26 Holy Tuesday	27 Holy Wednesday 7:00 Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Seder Meal and Stripping of the Altar	29 Good Friday 12:00 joint service 6:00 Service	30
31 Easter 10:00 HE II 11:30 Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt						

## March Servers' Schedule

Date	5th Lent March 17, 10:30	Palm Sunday March 24, 10:30	Good Friday March 29, 6:00	Easter Sunday March 31, 10:00
Acolyte	Ellis Greene	Arnold Turner	Lori Thompson	Tim Beaty
Banner				Arnold Tucker Frank Barnwell
Torch				Ellis Greene Alaina Hartman
Thurifer				Michael Darnell
OT Lector	Frank Barnwell	John Gelok	Frank Barnwell	Bobbi Albert
NT Lector	Leslie Brown	Michael Darnell	Tera Barnwell	Danny Stacy
Gospeler	Pat Gotautas	8:30-Jenny Gettys 8:30-Dawn Bridges 8:30-Ree Batten	Jenny Gettys Frank Barnwell Tera Barnwell	Pat Gotautas
Intercessor	Scott Glidden	Pam Bradburn	Pat Gotautas	David Taylor
Eucharistic Minister	Lori Thompson	Leslie Brown	none	Cynthia Glidden Pat Gotautas
Altar Guild	Dawn Bridges Jenny Hamrick	Sudie Gelok Cindy Love Lois Beam	none	ALL
Greeters	Ronnie & Leslie Brown	Mike & Pam Bradburn	Ben & Ann Torres	Danny & Martha Stacy
Nursery	Sara Harding	April Taylor	none	Renée McFalls
Kids' Chapel	Luke Harding	David Taylor	none	none
Godly Play	Cindy Love Jessica Fowler	Lori Thompson Julie Taylor	none	none
Coffee Hour	Dawn Bridges	Cindy Love	none	Brunch
Counters	David Taylor Cynthia Glidden	Arnold Tucker Scott Glidden	none	Bob Friedman Ann Torres

enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." It is hard to think of anything more difficult for us to do than to embrace a love like this. Yet Matthew concludes this saying with, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." And Luke says, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Compassion and mercy are at the very heart of perfecting our life in Christ as mature disciples.

We often think we have to get our beliefs logically ordered and discern who is worthy of Christian love before we can really give ourselves to compassion. Jesus must have anticipated this temptation, for, in Luke, his injunction against judging others follows immediately on his call to be merciful. In Matthew, it follows only a chapter after his call to be perfect.

Perhaps our ideal Lenten discipline is to be attentive in those moments when our eyes are shutting out the world—especially if we shut out the world in anger, hatred or despair. And then to open our eyes and the doors of our hearts to learn to love again, even as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



May your Lent be blessed with growth in the power of the Holy Spirit beyond anything that you can ask or imagine.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo  
VIII Bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of Upper SC

## Buildings & Grounds

Have you noticed how great our grounds have looked all winter? You may not realize this, but it's because Danny Stacy is constantly hard at work trimming and mowing and fertilizing. He also makes sure everything is working properly inside our buildings, changing the lightbulbs in the rafters of the church and replacing air filters, repairing the plumbing and replacing doorknobs, and getting someone here to get the heat running again even at 7:00 on a Sunday morning. Next time you see Danny, be sure to thank him for all he does for us!



## — Christian Education —

### Godly Play Sundays, 9:30-10:15



Our children will experience Christ's passion as they explore the stories of Jesus' last days during Lent. I wonder...

March 10 - Jesus the King  
The children will lay their cloaks in the road as Jesus enters Jerusalem.

March 17 - Jesus' Last Passover  
The children will relive the Last Supper as Jesus shares bread and wine with his disciples.

March 24 - Jesus' Trial  
The children will wonder at Judas' guilt over betraying Jesus.



### The Bible Challenge Sundays, 9:30-10:15

People ask me why I'm participating in the Bible Challenge, and I'm hard pressed to come up with a clear, concise answer. It seems so obvious, yet it's hard to put into words. Recently, though, a friend shared with me another Episcopalian's response, and I found that it put into words what I couldn't:

"I love the Bible. I owe my faith and my life

to the Bible and to its liberating message. It is in the Bible that I first met Jesus, and because of that, when I see Jesus acting in my own life, I recognize him. Scripture was the source of my belief that God loved me. Scripture was the source of my belief that - like the lepers and prostitutes and tax collectors and other outcasts - I too am included in God's embrace. I steep myself in the Bible's words and stories; I am refreshed, challenged, indicted, and liberated by its sacred words. Scripture reminds me of who I am and how God longs for a relationship with me. It assures me that no matter how often or for how long I may forget God, God never forgets me. Where would I be - where would any person of faith be - without the Bible?"

The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson  
*In the Eye of the Storm*, p. 61

Join the Bible Challenge and steep yourself in God's Word. The reading for March are:

F, Mar 1- Neh. 13, Psalm 141, 1 Cor. 16  
S, Mar 2- Esther 1-3, Psalm 142, 11 Cor 1  
S, Mar 3- Hear scripture read In church

M, Mar 4 - Esther 4-6, Ps. 143, 11 Cor 2  
T, Mar 5 - Esther 7-8, Ps. 144, 11 Cor 3  
W, Mar 6 - Esther 9-10, Ps 145, 11 Cor 4  
T, Mar 7 - Job 1-3, Psalm 146, 11 Cor 5  
F, Mar 8 - Job 4-6, Psalm 147, 11 Cor 6  
S, Mar 9 - Job 7-9, Psalm 148, 11 Cor 7  
S, Mar 10 - Hear scripture read In church

M, Mar 11 - Job 10-12, Ps 150, 11 Cor 8  
T, Mar 12 - Job 13-15, Ps 1, 11 Cor 9

## — Prayer List —

### Those participating in the Bible Challenge

#### The Sick:

Glenn Stacy  
Ann Batchler

#### Those on the DOK prayer list

#### Those Expecting Children:

Shelly and Michael Brown  
Caitlin and Tyler Rohn  
Angharad and Ben Torres

#### Those Serving Overseas in the Military:

Matthew Hall

#### The Homebound and Those with Long-Term Needs:

May Ella Blanton  
Mary Bolinger  
Linda Caggiano  
Lori Crook  
David Fort  
Peggy Fort  
Beth Gettys  
Bill Glidden  
Barbara Gupton  
Dave Hewey  
Francie Higgins  
Billie Kajma  
Jim Kennedy  
Bobby Parris  
J. L. Peake  
Marcia Peake  
Charles Smith  
Keith Smith  
Jim Spigner  
Mary Threadgill  
Priscilla Throop

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Nursery	Lois Beam	Marty Marrett
Kids' Chapel	Ree Batten	volunteer needed
Godly Play	none	Renée McFalls Michael Darnell
Coffee Hour	Breakfast	Ree Batten
Counters	Bob Friedman John Gelok	Bobby Love Arnold Tucker

## Readings

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 3 3 Lent	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 10 4 Lent	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3 11b-32
March 17 5 Lent	Isaiah 50:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 2:5-11	John 12:1-8
March 24 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:23-56
March 29 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1 - 19:42
March 31 Easter	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:1-12

## Birthdays

Sarah Batten	Mar. 2
Elizabeth Roberts	Mar. 3
Kimberly Guthrie	Mar. 3
James Batten	Mar. 4
Ree Batten	Mar. 4
Cynthia Glidden	Mar. 5
Nathan Green	Mar. 6
Kathy Giroax	Mar. 9
Devon Lewis	Mar. 10
Miles Gettys	Mar. 11
Chucky Russell	Mar. 11
John Cavall	Mar. 13
Marybeth Bledsoe	Mar. 15
Tera Barnwell	Mar. 16
Claire Dalton	Mar. 20
Gage Wood	Mar. 29
April Mabry	Mar. 31

## Anniversaries



Steven & Paula Boggs	Mar. 10
David & Peggy Fort	Mar. 31

## Attendance

Sunday, Feb. 3	70
Wednesday, Feb. 6	7
Sunday, Feb. 10	49
Wednesday, Feb. 13	50
Sunday, Feb. 17	38
Wednesday, Feb. 20	21
Sunday, Feb. 24	59
Wednesday, Feb. 27	

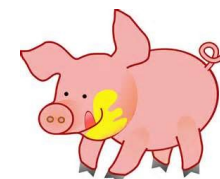


## Evangelism/Outreach

### March for Meals

**Sunday, March 24, 11:00-2:00**  
**Daddy Joe's**

Meals on Wheels volunteers provide a nutritious hot meal to seniors on weekdays, making sure our elderly are cared for.



They also visit with folks who may otherwise be alone all day. On Palm Sunday, you can enjoy a great bar-becue lunch and help Meals on Wheels raise money for their important ministry. Plates are \$10 for adults, and kids' plates are \$5. Tickets are available from the Meals on Wheels office or from Eddy Bridges (489-0823 or 761-6166).

W, Mar 13 - Job 16-18, Ps 2, 11 Cor 10  
T, Mar 14 - Job 19-21, Ps 3, 11 Cor 11  
F, Mar 15 - Job 22-24, Ps 4, 11 Cor 12  
S, Mar 16 - Job 25-27, Ps 4, 11 Cor 13  
S, Mar 17 - Hear scripture read In church

M, Mar 18 - Job 28-30, Ps 5, Gal 1  
T, Mar 19 - Job 31-33, Ps 6, Gal 2  
W, Mar 20 - Job 34-36, Ps 7, Gal 3  
T, Mar 21 - Job 37-39, Ps 8, Gal 4  
F, Mar 22 - Job 40-42, Ps 9, Gal 5  
S, Mar 23 - Prov 1-3, Ps 10, Gal 6  
S, Mar 24 - Hear scripture read In church

M, Mar 25 - Prov 4-6, Ps 11, Eph 1  
T, Mar 26 - Prov 7-9, Ps 12, Eph 2  
W, Mar 27 - Prov 10-12, Ps 13, Eph 3  
T, Mar 28 - Prov 13-15, Ps 14, Eph 4  
F, Mar 29 - Prov 16-19, Ps 15, Eph 5  
S, Mar 30 - Prov 20-22, Ps 16, Eph 6  
S, Mar 31- Hear scripture read in church

### Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, March 31 at 11:30 am**

While the grown-ups relax over brunch Easter Sunday, our little ones will search the playground for Easter eggs. Please help us by bringing goodies to fill the eggs: non-melting candy like jelly beans, stickers, or small novelty toys. You can drop them off at services or in the church office any time before Palm Sunday, March 24. And children, don't forget to bring your Easter basket to hold your eggs!



## Pastoral Care

### Kids' Cards

If you celebrated a birthday or anniversary last month, chances are you received a very special card - one hand made by one of Incarnation's children. These precious cards are sure to brighten the day of each recipient. Would your children like to help make cards? Talk to Sara Harding - she has templates and supplies all ready for your children's creativity!



## Hospitality

### Lenten Suppers Wednesdays at 5:30 pm March 6, 13, and 20



Before we move into our Lenten service on Wednesdays, we'll sit down to a simple supper together of soup, salad, and bread. Would you like to help? Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to provide part of the meal one week. And make it part of your Lenten discipline to step aside from your busy life and focus on Jesus for a while.



### Easter Brunch Sunday, March 31 after the 10:00 service

On Easter we all worship together as one family at our one service. And afterward, we enjoy a covered dish

feast together. So when you come to church on Easter, be sure to bring a main or side dish to share and plan to spend some time together.

During the Brunch, the children will raise funds for new playground equipment by having a bake sale. You can purchase all kinds of delicious desserts from them, and help Incarnation build for the future, too!



## Worship

### Wednesday Nights 5:30 Supper 6:00 Service



Make time this Lent to come worship quietly and prayerfully, listening for God's voice in the silence. We begin with a simple supper together. Child care is provided while the adults move into the church for the service. Flute and guitar accompany our singing, and candles help set the mood. Each week we'll hear readings and a brief meditation on one of the last moments of Jesus' life on earth. And we'll receive Christ's broken body and spilled blood in the gift of the Eucharist. Note that there will not be a Wednesday evening service in Holy Week, March 27.



### Palm Sunday Sunday, March 24 8:30 and 10:30 am

Both services will begin outside, weather permitting. At 8:30, we'll gather at the bell tower for the Liturgy of the Palms before processing into the church together. At

10:30, we'll gather on the corner at the rock. After the Liturgy of the Palms, we'll follow the choir into the church. Once everyone is inside, the children will process up the aisle as the congregation wave their palms and shout "Hosannah!" The children will share with us what it was like to re-

create Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

### Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 28 6:00 pm



This is the night that Jesus joined his disciples for the Passover feast and told them that the bread was his body and the wine his blood. We'll gather in the parish hall for our own Passover feast. We'll experience the Seder Meal just as Jesus did: we'll eat the symbolic foods and remember all God has done for us in history. And at the point in the meal that Jesus began the Eucharist, we'll share that feast as well. Then we'll move into the church for the Stripping of the Altar in preparation for Good Friday. This service is designed for children as well as adults.



### Good Friday Friday, March 29 12:00 noon

We'll gather at Limestone Presbyterian Church at the corner of Limestone and Jefferies Streets with the congregations of Limestone Presbyterian and Buford Street United Methodist Churches. We'll pray and remember together, pausing to recall Christ's death.

### Good Friday Friday, March 29 6:00 pm



We'll share the Good Friday liturgy together this evening. We'll pray for the needs of the world. And we'll recall our own sinfulness. We'll have an opportunity to nail our sins to the cross, experiencing the pounding brutality of how we've wounded our Savior. The evening will end without the hope of the Eucharist as we dwell on Christ's death for us.



### Easter Day Sunday, March 31 10:00 am

We'll celebrate Christ's resurrection all together at one service. The children will flower the cross, turning the instrument of Christ's death into

a beacon of new life and joy. Please bring flowers from your yard for the children to use. And we'll finally bring back the "Alleluia," so bring bells to make a joyful noise every time we say the word. The children will participate in the sermon time, helping tell the story of Easter.

After the service we'll gather in the parish hall for our covered-dish brunch and the bake sale hosted by the children. There will be an egg hunt for the children, and plenty of fellowship time for the adults.