



# The Incarnation Word

May 2021

Jesus said, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

- Matthew 23:37

I love this image—all of us together huddled under Jesus’ protective, loving wings, breathing in his scent and basking in his warmth. All of us together—not fighting or killing—just safe and loved. At peace.



I think of this image often as Mother’s Day approaches each year. It speaks to me of what an earthly mother should strive to offer her children—and what no earthly mother can ever fully achieve.



This is what Jesus offers each of us—his unwavering, perfect love and protection, his comforting presence, his tender nurturing. But it isn’t enough for us to huddle

under him, warm and protected. No, we’re called to share his mothering love with all our neighbors. We’re called to protect the vulnerable and love the difficult to love and welcome the stranger and the outsider. We’re called to lavish mothering love on everyone we meet, trusting Jesus to gather us up and fill us so we can do it again.

This Mother’s Day, regardless of your relationship with your earthly mother, may you feel yourself to be the beloved of Jesus. Whether your earthly mother is still living or not, may you feel safe under the wings of the living God. And whether you are blessed with earthly children or not, may you feel yourself filled and strengthened to share mothering love with the world, secure that you can always nestle back under his wings when you need to.



God’s Peace,  
*Jenny+*



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# Worship

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## Sunday Morning Services Holy Eucharist Rite I Sundays at 8:30 In the church

Join us at 8:30 Sunday mornings for a quiet, contemplative Eucharist service in the church. Please wear a mask as you arrive and leave. You're free to remove it at your seat (be sure you're at least 6 feet from the nearest worshipper). During the peace, we'll all remain in our seats and wave to one another. You'll receive communion in one kind (bread only) by putting on your mask and coming to the altar rail, keeping 6 feet from the nearest worshipper. You'll then return to your seat before removing your mask and consuming the wafer.



It's such a joy to be back together again - and in our beautiful sanctuary! Make sure to be there!

## Sunday Morning Services Holy Eucharist Rite II Sundays at 10:00 In Trinity Garden Also streamed to Facebook

This month we'll continue, weather permitting, to celebrate the Eucharist together in Trinity Garden in person!

Services will look a little different as we continue to observe Covid protocols. Please bring chairs to sit on and a mask to wear as you arrive and leave. Families will sit together but stay 6 feet from any other family. Masks may be removed at your seat but will go back on whenever you sing. At the Peace, we'll all stay in our places and pass the Peace by waving to others. Communion will be in one kind (bread only). Jenny+ will bring it to each family at their seats. You'll put on your mask to receive the wafer (passed to you from a distance using tongs) and wait until Jenny+ has moved to the next family before removing your mask and consuming your wafer. After the service, be sure to put your mask back on and maintain social distancing.



If you still don't feel safe attending in person, we'll continue to livestream the 10:00 service on our [Facebook page](#); follow along in the service booklet and insert on [this page](#) of our [website](#). On rainy Sundays, the service will be livestreamed from inside the church with only the day's scheduled servers present. You can watch it as it's happening or any time after

that.

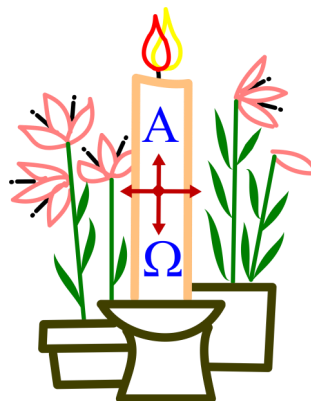
It's going to be amazing seeing you all and being together for worship!!

**Morning Prayer**  
**Mondays through Fridays at 8:00am**  
**Live on our Facebook page**



Join us weekday mornings at 8:00 on our [Facebook page](#) for a service of scripture and prayers. Let folks know you're there by typing a greeting in the com-

ments. And be sure to list your prayer concerns in the comments so we can all pray them together. If you miss the service, you can always watch it on our [Facebook page](#) later. All the materials for you to follow the service are on our [website](#). You can also download the [service booklet](#) and [lectionary readings](#) directly. It's wonderful beginning our days in prayer together!



## May Readings



	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
May 2 5th Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalms 22:24-30	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 9 6th Easter	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 16 7th Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalms 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 23 Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	Romans 8:22-27	John 5:26-27, 6:4b-15
May 30 Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalms 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

## Administration

### Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 16 at 11:15  
In the Parish Hall

Your vestry will gather in person, masked and distanced, to discuss the business of Incarnation and make decisions on your behalf. Meetings are always open; feel free to mask up and join us!



### Donations

We're so grateful for all of you who've kept your pledges current during this time. We've made sure there are a variety of easy ways for you to make contributions:

- You can always mail a check to us:  
Church of the Incarnation  
308 College Drive  
Gaffney, SC 29340
- Online contributions are easy. Just go to our web site [www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org](http://www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or click [here](#). To cover the fees associated with this method of giving, check the "cover fees" box.
- You can also text "Give" to (833)-537-0569 to donate by text message. This method also has a fee and a handy "cover fees" box you can check.

## Outreach

### Bread from Heaven

Saturday, May 15  
8:00 - 10:30

We'll continue with our contact-free food distribution this month. If you feel it's safe for you to do so, we'd love your help. To volunteer, email [Scott](#). Volunteers will work in masks at all times. You can volunteer to:

- Help pack bags of food for our shoppers some time the week of May 9
- Take appointments at 8:00 Thursday, May 13
- Serve on the 8:00-9:00 crew on Saturday, May 15, bringing bags out so shoppers can load them
- Serve on the 9:00-10:30 crew on Saturday, May 15, bringing bags out so shoppers can load them

And, of course, we can always use donations of food or funds! Canned proteins are especially helpful, as we're very low on meat right now. Our shoppers really rely on what we're able to give them, so thank you for your generosity.



# Pastoral Care

## Birthdays

May 3	Joette Johnson
May 7	Peyton Hughey
May 9	Tonja Blackwell
May 9	Danny Maret
May 18	Ann Batchler
May 20	Gerri Keys
May 22	Ginny Sparks
May 23	Asher Torres
May 25	Ginnie Kidd



## Anniversaries

May 9	Danny and Marty Maret
May 12	James and Ree Batten
May 15	John and Sudie Gelok
May 29	Scott and Cynthia Glidden

## Prayer List

### The Sick

### Those with Long-Term Needs:

Lucille Aldred  
Jake Blackwell  
Melissa Bridgwood  
Lauren Bridges

Bill Brown  
Steve and Claudia Butler  
Renee Carnes  
Jonah Delang  
Steve Glidden  
Melissa Gray  
Fergie Horvath  
Wayne Johnson  
Haile LeMaster  
Vincent Moore  
Johnny Raines  
Debra Rich  
Elizabeth Roberts  
Dever and Carolyn Smith  
Angharad Torres  
Tim Wood



### Those whose jobs place them in harm's way:

Blair Dennis  
Jamie Greene  
Medical personnel, especially:  
Steve Boggs  
Niccie Dearing  
Elizabeth Forbes  
John Gelok  
Steve and Kelly Lewis  
Mimi McCully  
Kyle and Ann Meade  
Jenn Wallace



### Those who've died:

Pearl Bird  
Ty Lindsey

# May Servers



Date	May 2 5th Easter 10:00	May 9 6th Easter 10:00	May 16 7th Easter 10:00
Altar Guild	Jackie Hoffman Carla Winter	Hope Greene Marty Marett	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick
Greeters	Noah Lindemann Gena Poovey	Dearing Family	Torres Family
1st Lector	Noah Lindemann	Niccie Dearing	Bobbi Albert
2nd Lector	Gena Poovey	Robin Childers	Scott Glidden
Intercessor	Cynthia Glidden	Tonja Blackwell	Cynthia Glidden
Camera	Tonja Blackwell	Max Hyde	Tonja Blackwell
Flowers	Available	Carla Winter	Available
Counters	Cynthia Glidden Ed Hoffman	Mike Johnson Morgan Johnson	Scott Glidden Ed Hoffman

Date	May 23 Pentecost 10:00	May 30 Trinity Sunday 10:00
Altar Guild	Niccie Dearing Cathy Roberts	Jackie Hoffman Carla Winter
Greeters	Mimi McCully Carla Winter	Don Bird Miles Gettys
1st Lector	Brad Johnson	Ben Torres
2nd Lector	Mimi McCully	Angharad Torres
Intercessor	Elie Bird	Cora Torres
Camera	Ellie Bird	Don Bird
Flowers	Torres	Available
Counters	Ellie Bird Brad Johnson	Mike Johnson Ben Torres





# May Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>25 Fourth Easter</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I in Church 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II in Trinity Garden	26 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	27 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	28 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	29 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	30 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	1
<b>2 Fifth Easter</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I in Church 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II in Trinity Garden 11:15 Worship Committee in the Parish Hall	3 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	4 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	5 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	6 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	7 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	8 9:00 DOK
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<b>16 Seventh Easter</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I in Church 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II in Trinity Garden 11:15 Vestry in Parish Hall	17 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	18 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	19 8:00am Morning Prayer on FB	20 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	21 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	22
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<b>30 Trinity Sunday</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I in Church 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II in Trinity Garden	31 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	1 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	2 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	3 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	4 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	5