

On the Mystery of the Incarnation

by Denise Levertov (1923–1997)

It's when we face for a moment
the worst our kind can do, and shudder to know
the taint in our own selves, that awe
cracks the mind's shell and enters the heart:
not to a flower, not to a dolphin,
to no innocent form
but to this creature vainly sure
it and no other is god-like, God
(out of compassion for our ugly
failure to evolve) entrusts
as guest, as brother,
the Word.



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Front page: Vincent van Gogh, Mother and Child
Back panel: Emil Nolde, The Twelve Year Old
Jesus Among the Teachers (Luke. 2)

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ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY
2017 - 2018

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SERVICES

The Act of Consecration of Man
Sundays at 11:00 AM

The Sunday Service for Children
Sundays at 10:30 AM
Please call for dates 212 877-0208

ADVENT SEASON

Sunday, December 3

11:00 Am The Act of Consecration
12 Noon light lunch
12:45 PM Talk and conversation

Bethlehem: The House of Bread

Sunday, December 10

9:30 AM

ADVENT FESTIVAL

For children and parents

Sunday Service for Children at
10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

10:45 PM Christmas tree lighting and singing

The Threefold Celebration of the Act of Consecration of Man

Midnight Dec. 24-25	12:00 AM
Christmas Morning Dec. 25	8:00 AM
Christmas Day Dec. 25	11:00 AM

Christmas Service for Children

December 25 at 10:30 AM

This special service is celebrated only once a year.
Parents, please confirm that your child will attend

Weekday Services during the 12 days of Christmas

10:00 AM

December 26, 27

11:00 AM

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM

'I draw courage from the well of my immortality.

Ever again may I begin'

Some contemplative thoughts, music, singing and
poetry around the Christmas tree

Friday, Jan. 5

10:00 AM Last Service of the Christmas Season

Followed by preparing the chapel for Epiphany

EPIPHANY SEASON

Incorporating the light of his grace

EPIPHANY DAY

Saturday, Jan. 6, service at 10:00 AM

Sunday, January 7

9:30 AM

THREE KINGS FESTIVAL

For children and parents

Sunday Service for Children at
10:30 AM

Sunday, January 21

11:00 Am The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM Talk and conversation

Wedding of Cana: Wine

DEAR CONGREGATION,

In two talks we will focus in the Advent and Epiphany season on **The Mystery of the Incarnation in Bread and Wine** and the New Communion, December 10 and January 21.

As we go toward the close of the year it is good to look back and reflect upon all the gifts received. We have so much to be thankful for in the life of our congregation. There are the servers. Hopefully more will join this group. Anyone can learn serving at the altar. There are the musicians, foremost David Ralph, the members of the Board and all the hands that prepare and serve the food at our Sunday lunches. Our "BIG CATS" Fundraiser for retired priests was a great success. Many thanks to Robb Creese, an unstoppable source of inspiration and fun.

Thank you also to all who support us financially with donations and pledges or with a prayerful presence in the celebration of the sacraments.

THE THREEFOLD BLESSING of the Act of Consecration, Midnight, Morn and Day on Christmas is a unique experience. It is but one long breath bestowed upon us from the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The deepest secret of God's love is not revealed in heaven but on earth.

- Rudolf Frieling

Friends and Members who have recently died

URSULA WEBER August 28, 2017