

ALLELUIA. THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. O COME, LET US ADORE HIM. ALLELUIA!



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THE CHURCH OF THE  
INCARNATION

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*Welcome To*  
**The CHURCH of the INCARNATION**

*To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest,  
To all who are mourning and long for comfort,  
To all who struggle and desire victory,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness,  
And to whomever will come,  
This church opens her doors,  
Offering welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

*God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence. Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in praise and adoration.*

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*Congregational responses are indicated in boldface.*

*Please stand.*

\*Alleluia, sometimes spelled *hallelujah*, is a Hebrew command to praise God. To say or sing this word is to command those around you to praise God.

Alleluia!\* Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

*Words by St. Francis of Assisi, Arr. David Crowder*

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along

O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship him in humbleness

O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in one

O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I was glad when they said to me:  
**"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

Praise the Lord!  
**The name of the Lord be praised!**

## PRAYER FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN\*

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\*When we confess our sins to God we are not groveling in guilt; we are dealing with our guilt. If we deny our sins, we will never be free from them.

*Please kneel and silently confess your sins against God and your neighbor.*

**Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS\*

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\*Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, pastors obey Christ's command to his ministers to pronounce Christ's forgiveness on his behalf (John 20:23).

*Please stand.*

## THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.<sup>o</sup>**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

**O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!**

Psalm 6:1 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

**<sup>2</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD for my bones are troubled.**

<sup>o</sup>Psalm 51:15

<sup>3</sup> My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—  
how long?

**<sup>4</sup> Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the  
sake of your steadfast love.**

<sup>5</sup> For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol  
who will give you praise?

**<sup>6</sup> I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood  
my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my  
weeping.**

<sup>7</sup> My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak  
because of all my foes.

**<sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for  
the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD has heard my plea;  
the LORD accepts my prayer.

**<sup>10</sup> All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly  
troubled; they shall turn back and be put to  
shame in a moment.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end, Amen.**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

**O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting  
life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus  
Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that  
we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that  
leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your  
Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Children grades 1–5 are dismissed for Children’s Ministry.

Please be seated.

\*The collect is a prayer that goes with the scripture readings, summarizing the theme of this particular worship service.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

We encounter our risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.

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## LAMENTATIONS 3:21-24

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## JOHN 21:9-19

Before the Scripture is read:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Scripture is read:

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Please be seated.

## THE SERMON

Please stand.

## THE NICENE CREED\*

**We 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.**

\*The Nicene Creed has been prayed and recited since AD 325. It is the most widely used encapsulation of the essential and unifying beliefs of Christianity.

**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.**

\*Catholic here means that every local church founded on the gospel is part of the one universal church founded by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The leader will invite us to pray.*

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\*We close with a prayer for mission from the Book of Common Prayer.

**O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men, women, and children everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE\***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord.

Greet those around you with some version of these words:  
"The peace of Christ be with you."

Parents pick up infants & toddlers from upstairs at this time.

Please be seated.

\*This ancient tradition is rooted in Luke 24:36-49. In these words we hear the promise that the dark side of life in the world and in us will not prevail. The power of the evil one has been overcome.

## THE OFFERING\*

### THE LOVE OF GOD

*Frederick Lehman, 1917. V.3 by Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai, 1050. Public Domain.*

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell  
It goes beyond the highest star  
And reaches to the lowest hell  
The guilty pair bowed down with care  
God gave His Son to win  
His erring child He reconciled  
And pardoned from his sin

O love of God how rich and pure  
How measureless and strong  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints and angels song

When years of time shall pass away  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall  
When men who here refuse to pray  
On rocks and hills and mountains call  
God's love so sure shall still endure  
All measureless and strong  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race  
The saints' and angels' song

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made  
Were every stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
Though stretched from sky to sky

*Please stand.*

### PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

*Words: Thomas Ken, lasst uns erfreuen. 1674; Public domain.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Alleluia Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



# CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

God welcomes his people to feast at his table. This meal, a means of grace for all who receive by faith, is a rehearsal of the central act of the Christian faith: Christ's death on the cross — his body broken and his blood shed as a sacrifice for our sins.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Is the Father with us? **He is!**

Is Christ among us? **He is!**

Is the Spirit here? **He is!**

This is our God.

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are his people. **We are redeemed!**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,\* hosanna, in the highest  
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory**

\*Hosanna is a Hebrew word that carries a twofold meaning: to praise Jesus as the Son of God sent to save us and to cry out to Jesus for that salvation.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

**We have died together.**

**We will rise together.**

**We will live together.**

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This is the feast of victory:

***The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign.  
Hallelujah!***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your  
Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.***

I am because we are:

***We are because he is.***

We are one body:

***We share one bread.***

Draw near with faith:

***Christ is the host and we are his guests.***

## THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and repentance for sin are welcome to share in this feast. If for any reason you would prefer to abstain, cross your arms over your chest, and one of the servers will pray a blessing for you.

Come forward to receive communion row by row. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, take a small cup at the front of the aisle as you go forward. When arriving at the front of the communion line, place your hands in front of you to receive a piece of bread, and consume it. After receiving the bread, proceed to the first server to take a drink from the common cup (please do not dip your bread) or to the second server with your plastic cup to receive a pour of wine. Grape juice is available at the far right station and is available poured only

## HIGH PRAISE

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Come now run daughters and sons  
All tribes and tongues let's start singing  
No sweeter sound than freedom found  
It may get loud but let's start singing

Celebrate the king seated on the throne  
The glory is yours forevermore  
Celebrate the son look at what he's done  
The blood of the Lamb has overcome  
The greatest days are still ahead  
Oh **he's** just getting started

Mountains quake strongholds break  
Over every grave hear us singing

Celebrate the king seated on the throne  
The glory is yours forevermore  
Celebrate the son look at what he's done  
The blood of the Lamb has overcome  
The greatest days are still ahead  
Oh **we're** just getting started

Give him high praise  
Give him high praise (repeat)

Celebrate the king seated on the throne  
The glory is yours forevermore  
Celebrate the son look at what he's done  
The blood of the Lamb has overcome  
(Repeat)

The greatest days are still ahead  
Oh **he's** just getting started  
Our lips will sing the loudest praise  
Oh **we're** just getting started

## **JESUS PAID IT ALL**

*Elvina M. Hall, John T. Grape. Public Domain. CCLI Lic. 11069486.*

I hear the Saviour say "Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in me thine all in all"

Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I, whereby thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete  
Jesus died my life to save  
My lips shall still repeat

## **AMAZING GRACE**

*John Newton, 1779; Public domain.*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

*Please stand.*

All our problems:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our difficulties:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All the devil's works:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our hopes:

***We set on the risen Christ!***

...

We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!***



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Nursery:** Staffed by trained and screened volunteers. Also open for parents/caretakers and infants, anytime during the service for fussy babies. Located upstairs, midway down the hall to your left. Available throughout the service. Pickup is at the Peace.

**Toddler Room:** For steady walkers up to 3 years old. Located upstairs; last classroom on the right. Check-in located outside the classroom. You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup is at the Peace.

**Preschool:** 3–6 year olds. Upstairs; check-in located outside the classroom before the service begins. Pickup is at the Peace.

**Elementary:** 1st–5th grade. After the Collect, children will be dismissed to their class upstairs. Prior to the Lord's Supper, they will return to the service. 3rd–5th graders go to small multipurpose room (204).

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## Welcome Lunch today 12:15pm upstairs!

Newcomers are warmly invited to join us for a welcome lunch. This is a great time to meet other new folks, to ask questions in a friendly environment, and to meet the pastors.

## Youth Group

All 6th–12th graders are welcome to join us this afternoon from 4–6pm. Invite a friend! Enter through the Mason Street entrance.

## Church Work Day & Youth Fundraiser Breakfast - May 4

Join us for our church-wide Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 4th, 9–noon. Youth will be serving a pancake breakfast beginning around 8:30am. All donations will go to Camp scholarships. We'll have tasks for all skills and skill levels, indoor and outdoor.

Sign up for tasks here (or QR code)

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/VDIE4084>



**WORK DAY  
SIGNUP**

## Essentials

There are still spaces available! Our 5-week course covering essential topics in Christian faith and practice is for anyone who is new and wants to learn more about our church, is interested in becoming a member, or wants to learn more about the Christian faith. Meetings: **Wednesdays: May 15, 22, 29, Jun 5 & 12, from 6:00– 8:30 pm.** Dinner and childcare included. Sign up using QR code. Questions: Beth\*



**SIGN UP for  
ESSENTIALS**

## Special Offering for Diocese of Kadugli, Sudan - May 19

On May 19, we will collect a special offering in support of The Diocese of Kadugli. This Diocese has been our partner in mission in Sudan's Nuba Mountains since 2016. Info: [pd4n.org](http://pd4n.org) (Pax Dei for Nuba)

## Pentecost Party - May 19 (5–7pm)

Potluck picnic & BBQ competition at the church building. Games, fun activities. Bring lawn chairs, outdoor games, blankets, BYOB (wine, beer, soda, special drinks). Childcare available for 0–5yr olds.

Last names: A–M, main dish & dessert. N–Z, main dish & side. (BBQ counts as your main dish.)

## Arts Incarnate

Arts Incarnate is an outreach arm of the church, for the purpose of engaging in the local community arts scene. To learn more about upcoming concerts and events, or how you can get involved, check out the website: [artsincarnate.com](http://artsincarnate.com).

\* Staff email addresses can be found on the back cover of the worship guide.

# *The* **CHURCH** *of the* **INCARNATION**

*seeks the glory of God and the good of the city  
through the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **Gospel**

We gather around the magnetic center of Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, God's kingdom has arrived on earth to renew all things—our relationship with God, ourselves, others, and the world.

## **Personal Transformation**

We help people to respond in faith to the new reality that the Kingdom of God has arrived in Jesus and to learn the practices of spiritual formation: renewing minds, reordering priorities, reshaping habits, and redirecting work.

## **Community Formation**

We live with one another as a community of friends—across generational, ethnic, and cultural lines—extending personal care to one another.

## **Public Faith**

In being honest and transparent about our faith, we endeavor to be relationally winsome, accessible, respectful, humble, and loving, even when it requires courage for us to announce the gospel.

## **City Vision**

With all the resources of our faith and life, we work sacrificially with others to build a great, flourishing city for all people.

## **Mercy and Justice**

We seek to protect the weak and vulnerable, to take up their injustice, and to show compassion while also seeking remedies for structural evil and institutional injustice.

## **Cultural Renewal**

We equip people in their various vocations to enter into culture as faithful stewards of the world because we share in God's yearning for all of culture to be redeemed and renewed.

## **Church Planting**

We use resources that God has given us to start and support new churches because the local church is the primary agent of God's kingdom.

## **Gospel Movement**

We want to be a catalyst for a movement of the gospel in our city and region that is a dynamic set of interactive relationships among gospel-centered churches, a variety of specialist ministries, and many other institutions, non-profits, organizations, and companies that are united by a common vision and a spirit of cooperation.



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