

YOU YOURSELVES HAVE SEEN WHAT I DID TO THE EGYPTIANS,
AND HOW I BORE YOU ON EAGLES' WINGS AND BROUGHT YOU TO MYSELF.
EXODUS 19:4



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS | THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE | THOMAS INGMIRE



THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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.*

*Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

Please stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SPEAK O LORD

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Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on your promises
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak O Lord till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

Almighty 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. Amen.

°Matthew 22:37-40

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW°

*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.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN*

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

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.

*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).

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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Please stand.

THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.°

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him.

Psalm 67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

°Psalm 51:15

**² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide
the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him.

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.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
O come, let us adore him.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people
pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all
our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Children ages 9–12 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.

EXODUS 19:1-6

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 PETER 2:9-12

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JOHN 15:9-17

Before the Scripture is read:

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.

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. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

*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.

**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.

THE 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.

**Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of
love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone
might come within the reach of your saving
embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we,
reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those
who do not know you to the knowledge and love of
you; for the honor of your Name. 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 through 8 year-olds 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*

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

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As we gather at your table
As we listen to your word
Help us know, O God, your presence
Let our hearts and minds be stirred
Nourish us with sacred story
'Til we claim it as our own
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life
Send us forth to love and serve you
Bringing peace where there is strife
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share this feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy

Please stand.

BLESS THIS OFFERING, O LORD

Words and Music: Unknown.

Bless this offering, O Lord
And let it multiply within your hands
Feed the hungry with the bread of life
And let us see your mercies
A taste of things in store
We offer up this sacrifice to you, O Lord

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

...

**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.

...

OUR FATHER (THE LORD'S PRAYER)

Arr. Simon Dixon

Our Father, who is in Heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done

On earth as in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
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.
Forever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS*

*With the humility of
beggars (Matt.15:27),
we obey Jesus'
command to feed
spiritually on his
body and blood (John
6:52-59). The bread
and wine declare to
us the eternal food of
Christ himself.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH

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How can I respond
To the love that you have lavished on me
How can I respond
To the love that you have lavished on me

I don't have much I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for you
I have a heart that beats for you

Ev'ry part of me
Wants to love you like you've loved me Lord
Ev'ry part of me
Wants to love you like you've loved me my Lord

I have a heart that beats for you
I have a heart that beats for you
I have a heart that beats for you
I have a heart that beats for you

I have a life I'll give to you
I have a life I'll give to you
I have a life I'll give to you
I have a life I'll give to you

HEAL US

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Heal us Emmanuel here we are
We long to feel thy touch
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble we confess
We faintly trust thy word
But will you pity us the less
Be that far from you Lord

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
Lord I believe with tears he cried
O help my unbelief

She too who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered Daughter go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole

Like her with hopes and fears we come
To touch you if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we
are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you
have given us to do, to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are found on page 12.

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!

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Let us go forth into the world, knowing Christ and making him known.

Thanks be to God.



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. 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3–6 years: Level 1. Parents drop kids off upstairs; check in outside the classrooms before the service begins. Pickup is at the Peace.

6–9 years: Level 2. Parents drop kids off upstairs; check in outside the classrooms before service begins. Pickup at the Peace.

9–12 years: New City Catechism. After the Collect, children will be dismissed to their class upstairs. Prior to the Lord's Supper, they will return to the service.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Rector's Discretionary Fund - Today

Today, we will collect a special offering for the RDF (in addition to the regular offering). This fund is solely for the physical and financial needs of people in our church and community. It is not a budgeted fund, so it depends entirely on donations directed to it. If you want to request help for yourself or someone you know, reach out to one of the pastors.*

Youth Group

The Youth Group will not meet tonight, due to the Youth Leader meeting. Join us next week, 4–6pm!

Essentials - begins Wednesday!

Last chance to sign up for Essentials. Our 5-week course on the essentials of Christianity will take place here Wednesdays in October from 6–8:30pm. Whether you're a regular attendee, new to the church, seeking spiritual growth, or just curious about Christianity, Essentials is for you! We'll eat dinner together and then explore key Christian beliefs followed by discussion. Childcare is provided. Register by Monday —>



**SIGN UP for
ESSENTIALS**

Women's (Half-Day) Retreat - Oct 26

Saturday, October 26, we'll be having our first ever women's mini-retreat! We'll have time for food, worship, prayer, and discussion, plus a dedicated teaching time on the book of Jeremiah from our own Laura Lowe. Sign up using the QR code.



**WOMEN'S
RETREAT**



**ARTS
INCARNATE**

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, use the QR code to visit the website: artsincarnate.com.

Baptisms - Nov 3

We will celebrate baptisms on November 3, All Saints' Sunday. If you are considering baptism for yourself or your child, email the office* to begin the process.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 26 Women's Retreat

Nov 3 All Saints' Sunday - Baptisms

Nov 17 Annual Celebration

* 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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