

THE LORD HAS SHOWN FORTH HIS GLORY:  
OH COME, LET US ADORE HIM



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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.

## COME WORSHIP THE LORD

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Come worship the Lord  
For we are his people  
The flock that he shepherds  
Alleluia!\*

Come let us sing to the Lord  
And shout with joy to the Rock who saves us  
Let us come with thanksgiving  
And sing joyful songs to the Lord

Come let us bow down and worship  
Bending the knee before the Lord our Maker  
For we are his people  
We are the flock that he shepherds

\*Isaiah 49:6

## OPENING ACCLAMATION\*

I will make you as a light for the nations.

***That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.***

## 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).  
°Psalm 51:15

## THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS\*

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*Please stand.*

## THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

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

The Lord has shown forth his glory:

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

Psalm 37:1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

***<sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.***

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

***<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD\*, and he will give you the desires of your heart.***

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

***<sup>6</sup> He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.***

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

***fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!***

\*When LORD is printed in small capital letters, it is the personal name for the one true God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things. In the original language it was likely pronounced yahweh.

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 Lord has shown forth his glory:  
**O come, let us adore him.**

## GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son  
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One  
As it was in the beginning, it will be forever. Amen.

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Children ages 9–12 are dismissed for Children’s Ministry.

Please be seated.

## 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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## ISAIAH 46:3–13

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **ROMANS 8:31–39**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **MATTHEW 27:45–56**

*Before the Scripture is read:*

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

***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 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.***

\*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.

***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.***

\*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.

***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.***

## MISSIONS MOMENT

*The leader will invite us to pray.*

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***Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.\****

\*We close by praying together for the mission of the Church.

\*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 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 to 9 year-olds from upstairs at this time*

*Please be seated.*

\*Ephesians 5:2

## THE OFFERING\*

### WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR

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Wonderful merciful Savior

Precious redeemer and friend

Who would have thought that a Lamb could

Rescue the souls of men

Oh you rescue the souls of men

Counselor comforter, keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

You are the one that we praise  
You are the one we adore  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving your own  
Here in our weakness you find us  
Falling before your throne  
Oh we're falling before your throne

*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.*

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## **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 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.

***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***

## 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.***

...

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.***

\*If you desire prayer for any reason, eucharistic prayer ministers are ready to pray with you in the lobby while communion is being served.

## 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.

## **THE JOY OF THE LORD**

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The joy of the Lord will be my strength  
I will not falter I will not faint  
He is my Shepherd I am not afraid  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

The joy of the Lord  
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Is my strength

The joy of the Lord will be my strength  
He will uphold me all of my days  
I am surrounded by mercy and grace  
And the joy of the Lord is my strength

The joy of the Lord will be my strength  
And I will not waver walking by faith  
He will be strong to deliver me safe  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

## **PSALM 116**

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I love You Lord for You have delivered me  
I love You Lord for You have delivered  
My soul from death, my feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living  
My soul from death, my feet from stumbling  
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless You Lord for You heard my cry  
I reached out my hand and You saved my life  
I will bless You Lord for You heard my plea  
And the God of Heaven turned His ear to me  
I will bless You Lord for unending love  
For Your grace and mercy raining down from above  
And I will bless You Lord to the very end  
I will call on You as long as I may live

## **O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO**

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O love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

O light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be  
To the Son on the throne (*echo*)  
To the Spirit of Jesus (*echo*)  
One Lord we praise now

## 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

### 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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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***



Join us in the lobby after the service for Mr. J's bagels and Abbey Coffee Roasters!

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **New Rector - Matt Wilcoxon**

If you missed last week's announcement, our new rector, Matt Wilcoxon, and his family will be joining us this summer. Check the QR code for more details!



**NEW  
RECTOR**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Join us on March 5 at 5pm or 6:30pm for our Ash Wednesday services. At this service, we begin our journey through Lenten season with a time of fasting, confession, repenting of our sins, and imposition of ashes. Childcare available for infants and toddlers during the 5pm service only.

### **Youth Ministry**

Youth meets tonight at the church, 4pm–6pm. All 6th–12th graders welcome. Join us and invite a friend!

### **Cleaning up Sanctuary**

Please remember to discard worship guides and straighten your row of chairs in preparation for Kush Anglican's service in our sanctuary this afternoon.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Mar 4** Shrove Tuesday

**Mar 5** Ash Wednesday services 5pm and 6:30pm

**Mar 7** Arts Incarnate Art Opening

**Mar 14** Arts Incarnate Show

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All children's ministry is staffed by trained and screened volunteers.

**Nursery:** Also open for parents/caretakers and infants, anytime during the service for nursing or fussy babies. Located upstairs, midway down the hall to your left. Available throughout the service. You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup 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 at the Peace.

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

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

**6–9 years:** Atrium 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.



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