

BLESSED IS EVERYONE WHO FEARS THE LORD,
WHO WALKS IN HIS WAYS!
PSALM 128:1



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THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION

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AFTER TRINITY
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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.*

*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.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

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This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hands the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world he shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one

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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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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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.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN*

. . .

If you're able please kneel and silently confess your sins against God and your neighbor.

Almighty 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*

. . .

Please stand.

THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

°Psalm 51:15

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.°

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him.

*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.

Psalm 128:1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD*,
who walks in his ways!

***² You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.***

***³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.***

***⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.***

***⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!***

***⁶ May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!***

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 God, our refuge and strength, true source of all
godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of
your Church, and grant that those things which we
ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.***

*Since God first gathered a people to himself, a fundamental part of public worship has been that his people pray together. In the presence of God, we ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and salvation.

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.

ECCLESIASTES 5:8-6:12

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MARK 10:28-31

Before the Scripture is read:

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

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

*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.

**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.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

The leader will invite us to pray.

At the end of each petition:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our 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."

*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.

Parents pick up infants to 9 year-olds from upstairs at this time.
Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

Galatians 6:10 As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Words and music by Daniel Iverson ,1963 by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me
Spirt of the Living God fall fresh on me
Melt me mold me fill me use me
Spirt of the Living God fall fresh on me

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.

. . .

*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.

**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**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

. . .

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

. . .

And now 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.**

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

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Lamb of God you take away

The sins of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away

The sins of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
The sins of the world
Grant us peace

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

Gluten-free option
is available upon
request.

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.

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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

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When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

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He will hold me fast

THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

©2001 Philip Palmertree Music. Words: Anne Cousins (based on Samuel Rutherford's letters). Music: traditional folk tune (arr. Philip Palmertree).

The sands of time are sinking
The dawn of heaven breaks
The summer morn I've sighed for
The fair sweet morn awakes
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

The King there in his beauty
Without a veil is seen
It were a well-spent journey
Though seven deaths lay between
The Lamb with his fair army
Doth on Mount Zion stand
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

O Christ he is the fountain
The deep sweet well of love
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

The bride eyes not her garment
But her dear Bridegroom's face
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace
Not at the crown he giveth
But on his pierced hand
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land

O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into his house of wine
I stand upon his merit
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

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!

. . .

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

NEWS AND EVENTS

Connect with us!

If you are new to Incarnation, please take a moment to scan the QR code. We'd love to get to know you!



CONNECT

Baptism

We will celebrate baptisms on November 2, All Saints' Sunday.

If you are considering baptism for yourself or your child, email Charity* to begin the process.

Fall Church Work Day

Join us to work together to glorify God and work for the good of the city at our Fall Church Work Day on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00–12:00. There is work for all ages and skill levels. Reach out to Charity* with questions or suggestions! Sign up using the QR code, or just show up! Coffee and bagels will be provided at 9:00.



**WORK DAY
SIGNUP**

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry will meet this Wednesday, October 15, 6-8pm at the church. Dinner will be provided. Email Kenzie and Charlie* for more information.

GenConnect

Our new GenConnect program will match college students and young adults with Incarnation households for friendship, hospitality, and discipleship. If you are interested in participating or just want to know more, please scan the QR code, fill out the form, and we'll get in touch with information and next steps.



GENCONNECT

Small Groups

Incarnation has 20 Small Groups that meet weekly in homes throughout the city and county. Small Groups share meals, discuss Scripture, pray together, and build friendship. Visit our website to find a group near you, or reach out to Keith* if you have questions.

CarePortal

CarePortal is now launched in Harrisonburg! CarePortal makes it easy to meet the tangible needs of vulnerable children and families in the foster care system in our community. It bridges the gap between the Department of Social Services (DSS), local churches, and individuals by sending out requests on an online platform to be fulfilled by church members or small groups. Scan the QR code to learn more.



**CAREPORTAL
INFO**

** 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 25 Fall Church Work Day

Nov 2 Baptisms

Nov 16 Annual Celebration



**COTI
CALENDAR**



Office hours: 10 to 4, Monday through Thursday
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