# HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD; LET MY CRY COME TO YOU! PSALM 102:1



The Gardener | Georges Seurat | Oil on wood | 1882-1883



# 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.** 

# HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

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Holy God we praise your name Lord of all we bow before you All on earth your scepter claim All in heaven above adore you Infinite your vast domain Everlasting is your reign

Hark! The glad celestial song Angel choirs above are raising Prophets martyrs join the throng In unceasing chorus praising With the church in one accord Holy holy holy Lord!

Blest Redeemer virgin's son
Over death his victory claiming
Now ascended to his throne
Judge and king his grace proclaiming
Opens heaven to all his own
Praise and thanks to God alone

Holy Father holy Son
Holy Spirit three we name you
Though in essence only one
Undivided God we claim you
Then adoring bend the knee
And confess the mystery

#### 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

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.

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).

Please stand.

°Psalm 51:15

#### THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.°

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS\*

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

O come, let us adore him.

Psalm 102:1 Hear my prayer, O LORD\*; let my cry come to you!

<sup>2</sup> Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress!

Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

\*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.

# <sup>3</sup> For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

- <sup>4</sup> My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread.
  - <sup>5</sup> Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh.
- <sup>6</sup> I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places;
  - I lie awake;I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
- <sup>8</sup> All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse.
  - ° For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink,
- <sup>10</sup> because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
  - <sup>11</sup> My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

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 earth is the Lord's for he made it: **O come, let us adore him.** 

gathered a people to himself, a fundamental part of public worship has been that his people pray together. In the presence of God, we

\*Since God first

ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and salvation.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

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

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; 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.

#### ECCLESIASTES 11:1-10

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# MATTHEW 6:25-34

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

#### 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.

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.

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, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; 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."

\*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.

\*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

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# JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

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Jesus, lover of my soul let me to thy bosom fly While the nearer waters roll While the tempest still is high Hide me O my Savior hide Till life's storm is past Safe into the haven guide Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
I helpless hang on thee
Leave oh leave me not alone
Support and comfort me
All my trust on thee is stayed
All help from thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of thy wing

Thou O Christ are all I want
Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with thee is found Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound Make and keep me pure within Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of thee
Spring thou up within my heart
For all eternity

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.

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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

# 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.

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\*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. 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)

Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough, IV, © 2012, Published by OCP. 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.

#### COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

Joseph Hart, 1759. CCLI License 11069486. Come ye sinners poor and needy Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity love and power

Come ye thirsty come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in his arms And in the arms of my dear Savior O there are ten thousand charms

Come ye weary heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all

#### OUR GREAT GOD

Words and music by Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega; CCLI 11069486. Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown Your boundless love unfailing grace and mercy shown Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word

#### IT IS WELL

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When peace like a river attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot you have taught me to say

It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet though trials should come Let this blest assurance control That Christ has regarded my helpless estate And hath shed his own blood for my soul

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought My sin not in part but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more Praise the Lord, praise the Lord oh my soul

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight The clouds be rolled back as a scroll The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend Even so it is well with my soul

# 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

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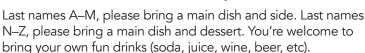
Let us go forth into the world, knowing Christ and making him known.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

# NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Annual Celebration

Join us tonight from 5-7:30pm for our Annual Celebration. All are welcome! We'll gather in our church building for a potluck dinner and our annual chili competition. We'll look back on God's gifts this past year, vote for Parish Council, Bylaw changes, and the proposed budget. For more information, pick up an Annual Celebration booklet in the lobby.



Childcare + pizza provided upstairs for children age 0–11 years old. 6th-12th graders will join the First Pres youth group for an evening of worship and dinner from Chipotle. Because of our space constraints, we are asking all teens (unless providing childcare, upstairs) to attend. Youth leaders will accompany our youth from Incarnation to First Pres at 5:15pm.





You can sign up now or at the event for volunteer tasks for January-June 2026. If you are ready to sign up to volunteer, use the QR code in the guide to access the form.

#### Arts Incarnate - Art + Eros

Eunioa Theatre will present a staged reading of Iris Murdoch's Art & Eros. Join Socrates, Plato, and their friends as they eat, drink, and contemplate the nature of art. Free to the public on Thursday, November 20 at the church. Doors open at 7:00pm and the play begins at 7:30pm..

# Arts Incarnate - Sacred Mysteries

Join us Friday, November 21 for Sacred Mysteries: an Advent exploration in music & art. This event will feature music from Kaitlyn Townsend and art by JoEtta Deaton. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm.

# **Rector's Discretionary Fund**

In two weeks, we will collect a special offering for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund is solely for the physical and financial needs of people in our church and community. This fund is not a budgeted fund, so it depends entirely on donations directed to it..

# Connect with us!

If you're new, scan the QR code. We'd love to get to know you!

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

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 16 Annual Celebration

Nov 20 Art Incarnate: Art + Eros

**Nov 21** Arts Incarnate - Sacred Mysteries

Nov 27-28 Church Office Closed

Nov 29 Round the Mountain

Nov 30 Advent Begins, RDF Offering



COTI CALENDAR

TITHES & OFFERINGS		
	Oct 2025	YTD 2025
Received	\$ 75,580	\$ 744,694
Budgeted	\$ 83,444	\$ 834,435
Variance	\$ (7,864)	\$ (89,741)
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND		
Balance Jan 2025		\$ 50,865
Received		\$ 53,708
Assistance Provided		\$ (50,327)
Balance Sept 2025		\$ 54,256

#### 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.



# Office hours: 10 to 4, Monday through Thursday Ring bell at Federal Street entrance

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