

“FRET NOT YOURSELF BECAUSE OF EVILDOERS!”

PSALM 37:1



COME YE BLESSED | NATHANIEL MOKGOSI | SOUTH AFRICAN | 1980



THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EPIPHANY
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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.

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Words Robert Robinson, 1758; Music Asahel Nettleton, 1825 CCLI 11069486.

Come thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my ebenezer
Hither by thy help I've come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

*The acclamation
joyfully acknowledges
God's presence and
reign, announcing
that we gather at his
invitation and under
his authority.

THE ACCLAMATION*

I will make you as a light for the nations.

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

*This ancient prayer
asks the Holy Spirit
to cleanse our hearts
so we may love God
and magnify his Name
with grace only he
provides.

*Jesus summarizes
God's Law as love
of God and love of
neighbor. As such it
reveals our calling and
our need, and leads us
to Christ himself, in
whom perfect love is
manifest and given.

*In confession we
tell the truth about
ourselves because
God has told us the
truth about his mercy.
Absolution proclaims
Scripture's promise
of full forgiveness in
Christ.

THE COLLECT 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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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

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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.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great
mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who
sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have
mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and
bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

*Added in the English
Reformation, these
sentences of Scripture
assure repentant
sinners of Christ's
mercy and remind us
that our confidence
rests in his finished
work alone.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life. (John 3:16)

THE SOLID ROCK

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the vale

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the
Church continually in your true religion, that we who
trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be
defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Collect gathers the themes of the readings and the date in the Church calendar into one petition, asking God to accomplish in us what Scripture promises.

A COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom, as we bring them up in the faith, that they may never know a day apart from your love and care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children ages 9-12 are dismissed for Children's Ministry.

Please be seated.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

When Scripture is read, Christ addresses his people. Our posture shows that God's Word governs the Church. We stand for the Gospel reading because Jesus is the center and substance of the Scriptures.

MICAH 6:1-8

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

² For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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

⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

⁷ 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!

***⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.***

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait
for the LORD shall inherit the land.

***¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not
be there.***

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land

and delight themselves in abundant peace.

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.***

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Before the Scripture is read:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. 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 Creed unites
us with the Church
across time, faithfully
summarizing Scripture
and guarding the
gospel as we confess
one Lord, one faith,
one hope.

THE NICENE CREED*

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who 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.***

*Intercessory prayer
is the priestly task
of the people of
God. Because Christ
intercedes for us, we
bring the needs of
Church, world, and
neighbor to the Father
who delights to give
good gifts.

*Sharing peace
declares Christ's
finished reconciliation.
Before Communion,
we express gospel
unity: those at peace
with God live at peace
with one another.

*We give because
God first gave to
us. Offering our
gifts—and ourselves—
expresses gratitude
and acknowledges
that our lives belong
wholly to God.

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.

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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 with your spirit.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY*

BE THOU MY VISION

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Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High king of heaven my treasure thou art

High king of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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.

*Sursum Corda means "Lift up your hearts." By the Spirit we celebrate and remember the once-for-all offering Christ our ascended high priest offers to the Father on our behalf.

SURSUM CORDA*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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***

*Consecration is when God uses ordinary means—bread and wine—to communicate extraordinary grace. We ask the Spirit to set apart these gifts, not by altering their substance, but by using them to unite us to Christ in faith.

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.

. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*The Fraction is the breaking of the consecrated bread, recalling Christ's body broken for us. It is a visible sign that the benefits of his finished work are freely given to believers through faith.

THE FRACTION*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. Individually wrapped gluten free crackers are available on a separate paten to avoid cross contamination. Please indicate your desire for this option to the server.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on them in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

WHEN YOUR KINGDOM COMES

Paul Zach, Phillip Zach, and Kate Bluett; CCLI 7116570

Ev'ry wrong will be turned to right
You'll wipe the tears from ev'ry eye
When your kingdom comes.
Dark will make way for the dawn
All sorrows will be gone
When your kingdom comes.

Night will turn to day
And your church will sing
Take your bride away
When your kingdom comes
You will make a way
Through our darkest day
Shadows fly away
When your kingdom comes

Every trouble we have known
We will lay before your throne
When your kingdom comes
We will bring you all our grief
Ev'ry tear will be redeemed
When your Kingdom comes

REVELATION SONG

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is he
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To you the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

ACROSS THE LANDS

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You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of your voice
Let the skies declare your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

You're the Author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And your cry of love rings out across the lands

Yet you left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer you fed the hungry
With a word you stilled the sea
Yet how silently you suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout you rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in your wake
Now you stand before the Father
Interceding for your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

*Fed by Christ in
Word and Sacrament,
we ask God to send
us out as witnesses.
Grace always leads to
mission.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER*

Let us pray.

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.***

*The final blessing is
God's promise spoken
over his people. We
go out under his
protection and with
his peace.

THE BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL*

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!

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

NEWS AND EVENTS

Connect with us!

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

Confirmation

This year's Confirmation program for Youth is set to launch soon! The 5 week class will run on Sunday mornings during the season of Lent, 9-10 AM, February 22-March 22. Confirmation Sunday will be June 14. The Confirmation program is open to all students 8th grade or higher, please contact the Youth Residents* for more information.



CONNECT

GenConnect

Our 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.



GEN
CONNECT

Birth Circle

Birth Circle is a group for ladies to discuss the joyous yet often difficult experiences of pregnancy and childbirth. We will enjoy discussion over tea and light snacks beginning at 7 PM in the lobby.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 9 Birth Circle

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Services at 5:00 and 6:30 PM.

** 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.

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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