

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation



Advent Service Booklet

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*We love and serve the Lord
by loving and serving others.*

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Word of God

The Processional Hymn *(see colored insert for hymn number)*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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 Song of Praise

[H] 56, stanzas 1 and 7

During the Song of Praise, a family will come forward to light the Advent wreath and place figures in the crèche as we prepare for Jesus' birth.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *(printed on colored insert)*

The Old Testament Lesson *(printed on colored insert)*

The people sit.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *(hymn number printed on colored insert)*

The New Testament Lesson *(printed on colored insert)*

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Children's Sermon

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a brief message just for them. Afterward, those ages 3 through second grade who choose may follow their teachers to Children's Chapel. They'll rejoin their families at the Peace.

The Gradual Hymn *(see colored insert for hymn number)*

The Gospel *(printed on colored insert)*

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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 Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

The Priest may then say the following sentence, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.”

Luke 1:46-9

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may exchange with strangers and friends a sign of the Peace of Christ.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Anthem (see colored insert for details)

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 59, Stanza 5

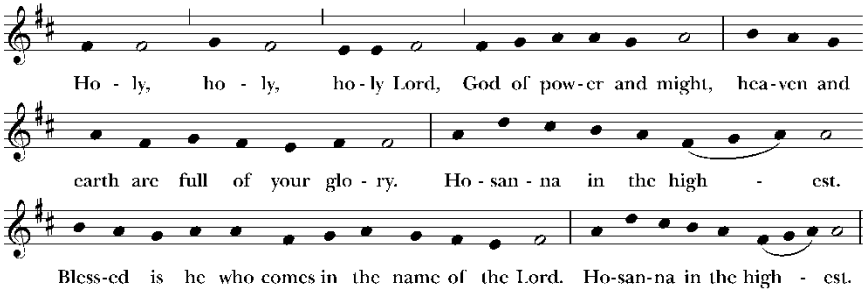
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember those on our parish prayer list and those on the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list. Remember our home-bound friends and those with long-term needs. Remember those whose jobs place them in harm's way. Remember the needs of our Bread from Heaven family.

Remember those expecting children. Remember those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week. Remember those in our diocesan cycle of prayer.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union

with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons of any age to receive Communion. To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward with palms crossed. When receiving the wine, please guide the chalice to your lips by grasping the base of it. If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may come to the altar rail and fold your arms across your chest to receive a blessing from the priest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail to receive Communion, please let a greeter know so the sacrament may be brought to you at your seat.

Communion Hymns *(see colored insert for hymn numbers)*

Communion Hymn 1 Christ, my hope and Christ, my joy (E-155)

Refrain

Christ, my hope, and Christ, my joy, Christ, my strength, and my
light, Christ, my con - fi - dence a - lone, in you I
trust and have no fear; in you I trust and have no fear.

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Communion Hymn 2

My spirit is longing (E-156)

My spi - rit is long - ing for you, my God; my
spi - rit is wait - ing in hope. My spi - rit is long - ing for
you, my God; my spi - rit is wait - ing in hope.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line of lyrics. The third system covers the third line of lyrics. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

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Communion Hymn 3

Gloria, gloria (M-9)

Refrain
1 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2 in ex - cel - sis De - o!
3 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of a single staff (treble clef). The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains two phrases, numbered 1 and 2. The second system contains two phrases, numbered 3 and 4. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

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Communion Hymn 4

Jesus, name above all names (V-81)

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful sav - iour, glo - rious

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The vocal line features a melody with three triplet markings over the words "name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful sav - iour, glo - rious". The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

Lord; ————— Ma - n - u - el ————— God — is

The second system continues the melody with a long slur over the word "Lord;" and another triplet marking over "Ma - n - u - el". The piano accompaniment follows the vocal line with chords and a bass line.

with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing word.

The third system concludes the hymn with the words "with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing word." and features two triplet markings. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand.

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Communion Hymn 5

Sing halleluia (V-115)

Bxa # Bxa #

1 Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord;

Bxa D F#sus4 # Bxa #

sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord. Sing hal-le-lu-jah,

G D Bxa # Bxa (F#sus7)

sing hal-le-lu-jah, sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord.

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Communion Hymn 6

Laudate Dominum (W-829)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The first system contains the first line of the hymn: "Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes". The second system contains the second line: "gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." with a first ending bracket over the first "Al - le - lu - ia." and a second ending bracket over the second "Al - le - lu - ia." followed by the instruction "D.C.". The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.
Words: Psalm 117. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
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 Priest blesses the people.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Processional Hymn *(see colored insert for hymn number)*

The Dismissal

Go in Peace to Love and Serve

$\text{♩} = 120$

Go in peace to love and serve; go in peace to love and serve the

1 2

Lord your God. Thanks be to God! Go in peace to love and serve; go in peace to

3

love and serve the Lord your God. Thanks be to God!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef and a bass line on a bass clef. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The lyrics are: 'Go in peace to love and serve; go in peace to love and serve the Lord your God. Thanks be to God! Go in peace to love and serve; go in peace to love and serve the Lord your God. Thanks be to God!' The score includes three numbered first endings: '1' and '2' are placed above the first system, and '3' is placed above the second system. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final cadence.

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The Priest says

Thanks be to God.

People

Alleluia, Alleluia.

After the service, please place this booklet in the basket on the table in the Narthex (the entry hall) so we can use it again next week. Thank you!

Divine Purpose Statement

We are here to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

WE BELIEVE we are a welcoming, non-judgmental, loving, special place to meet God who is love.

WE WORSHIP God in a simple manner through a variety of forms, changing the ritual as the church seasons change. Worship is centered around the Word of God and the Eucharist.

WE SERVE anyone who's hungry, either spiritually or physically, following God's command to love all our neighbors.

Vestry Stewardship Covenant

WE BELIEVE that God is present in our decision-making process and that God is leading us to be a faithful community of worshipers committed to living the Gospel by sharing our gifts and talents with members and nonmembers alike.

WE COMMIT to supporting the ministries of the Church of the Incarnation, to having the faith that God will take care of us abundantly, and to sharing with others out of that abundance.

WE INVITE the community to partner with us as we step out in faith, affirm our belief that God calls us to cast aside fear and self-concern, and seek first the kingdom of God's care and love for all.

Regular Schedule of Services

Monday through Friday:

8:00am Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook

Wednesdays in Advent:

6:00pm Supper and Kid-Friendly Worship Service

Sundays:

8:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church
(quiet and contemplative)

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
or breakfast on first Sunday of each month

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church
with Nursery and Children's Chapel
also livestreamed on Facebook

Prayer Group

In case of emergencies, confidential prayer requests can be sent out to the Daughters of the King, a group of women committed to praying confidentially for anyone in need of prayer. To add a name to the Daughters' list, fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering plate – it will be sent to the Daughters. If the need is immediate, call the Rev. Jenny Gettys at 489-6183 and she'll get word out right away.

2024 Vestry

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Welcome to Incarnation!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Whether you are passing through, or this is the beginning of a longer relationship, welcome. You are today part of our family. We invite you to fill out one of the Welcome cards in the pew rack so that we can get to know you better. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or handed to the priest after the service.

Restrooms and a water fountain are located on the left side of the long hallway between the church and the parish hall. The nursery and children's classroom are at the end of the shorter hallway, also to the left of the long hallway. The Greeters are eager to point you in the right direction and to answer any questions you may have.

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons of any age to receive Communion. Complete instructions are found on page 13 of this booklet.

Children in Worship

We love the joyful noise of children in worship! They're welcome to wander, chatter, and make themselves at home as they take in the sights and sounds of worship.

On the table in the Narthex (the entry hall) you'll find a variety of children's items like Children's Bulletins and Bible Story Books. We also have nursery care available for infants and toddlers through age 2; a greeter will be happy to show you to our nursery.

After the second lesson is read, children of all ages will be invited forward for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, those who choose will process out of the church for an age-appropriate presentation of the gospel lesson and then a chance to respond to it. This time is led by a variety of creative and loving teachers, and parents are always welcome to accompany their child. The children will return to join their families at the Peace.