

**Episcopal
Church of the Incarnation**



**Epiphany Season
Service Booklet**

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*We love and serve the Lord
by loving and serving one another.*

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.

Song of Praise

Hymn 117, stanzas 1 and 4



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,

1 dawn - on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911).

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 First Reading *(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 *(printed on colored insert)*

The Second Reading *(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 aged three through second grade may follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They'll rejoin their families at the Peace.

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

The Gospel Reading *(printed on colored insert)*

All standing, the Deacon or 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 Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Hymn (see colored insert for hymn number)

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Hymn W-769

All stand.

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in
 True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's

God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Aefon* (Major), Welsh hymn melody, harm. Carlton R. Young.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us therefore pray for those who do not yet know the light and for all those in need of our prayers, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the church and its ministry to the world, for those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer, for all bishops and clergy, for missionaries, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, especially President Biden, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the unloved and the forgotten, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick in body, mind, and spirit; for those on our parish prayer list; for our homebound friends and those with long-term needs; for the hungry and the homeless; for our Bread from Heaven family's needs; for the dying and bereaved; and for all those in need of our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, those expecting children, and those whose jobs place them in harm's way, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect

Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

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 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.

The Holy Communion

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

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 or Hymn *(see colored insert for anthem or hymn number)*

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 381 Stanza 4

4 God the Fa-ther, Light-Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re -
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor-tals, an-gels,
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r and might, heav - en 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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these

gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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.*

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
The dis -

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

bread.

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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)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate to glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

Hymn V-166

1
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

2

3
God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

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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!

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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.

2023 Vestry

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Regular Schedule of Services

Monday through Friday:

8:00am Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook

Sundays:

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

9:30am Coffee Hour
or breakfast on the 1st 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.

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.

Men's and women's 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 on page 16 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.