

# Episcopal Church of the Incarnation



## Pentecost Season I Service Booklet

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

# Holy Eucharist

## 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

[H] 8

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 born of the onc light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - cry morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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*The people stand. 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** *(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 age three through second grade 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 Deacon or a 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 Reader 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**

*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 Prayers of the People, Form II**

*The Leader prays*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Jenny, our priest; for this gathering; for those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison; and our Bread from Heavens friends. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for our homebound friends and those with long-term needs.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week and those expecting children.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The Celebrant adds the concluding collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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.*

## **Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

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

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

*Psalm 104: 29b, 31*

*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**

**[H] 505, Stanza 4**

4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -  
light - en us by that same word; teach us to  
know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -  
bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

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# 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:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*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.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*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*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people.*

God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. *Amen.*



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

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*or this*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*or this*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*or this*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## **Divine Purpose Statement**

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

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 Thursday:

8:00am Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook

Sundays:

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

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.

## **2023 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 18 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.*