

# Episcopal Church of the Incarnation



## Thanksgiving Service Booklet

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

# Evening Prayer Rite Two

## Processional Hymn

## Hymn 433, stanzas 1 and 3

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O - Lord, make us free!

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*The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

*Psalm 96:9*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*The following may be sung.*

## O Gracious Light

[H] 25

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

## Psalm 145

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Reading**

**Joel 2:21-27**

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the

fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
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: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

### **The Second Reading**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:12-24**

We appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

## The Homily

*Prayers of thankfulness made be added to the comments and prayed together.*

## Hymn

## Hymn 416 (Tune 288), stanzas 1-4

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

**For the beauty of the earth**, #416 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. **Praise to God, immortal praise**, #288 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1916.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.

*Then follows this set of Suffrages*

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That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be  
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the  
communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our  
life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

(by Walter Rauschenbusch)

For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
For the salt sea and the running water,  
For the everlasting hills  
And the never-resting winds,  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
We thank you for our senses  
By which we hear the songs of birds,  
And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
And taste of the autumn fruits,  
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
And smell the breath of the spring.  
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
And save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing  
When even the common thornbush  
Is aflame with your glory,  
O God our creator,  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## **Help Me Prayer**

(by Samuel F. Pugh)

O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,

and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen.

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow,  
this prayer for mission is added*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep  
this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend  
the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying,  
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all  
for your love's sake. *Amen.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

# The Processional Hymn

# Hymn 397, stanzas 1-2

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

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