



WELCOME TO INCARNATION
Worship. Welcome. Wonder

March 23, 2025 | 3rd Sunday of Lent



Welcome

We're so glad you're here! At the welcome table, you can find name tags, information, and sensory items.

Multigenerational Worship

We are a multigenerational church and welcome children as full participants in our community. Adults are practicing hospitality by welcoming the noise and wiggles of our youngest worshipers; children are practicing reverence by using whispers and quiet movements (parents, please help them practice!). We're all becoming like little children in God's kingdom. Children of all ages are always welcome in the service, and are also invited to the following:

- **Mustard Seed Atrium (Nursery, ages 0-3).** Nursery care for our youngest children is available at 10am in the Courtyard. The nursery moves indoors to Room 142 in extreme weather, but most of the time we follow the adage "there's no bad weather, only bad clothing" and remain outdoors — please dress accordingly! All children should be picked up from the nursery during the Passing of the Peace. In the case of insufficient volunteers, the nursery is available on a self-serve basis; parents may use the space, but must remain with their children. There's also a small "nursery nook" for parents to use in the sanctuary during worship.
- **Good Shepherd Atrium (ages 3-6).** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori-based faith formation program) begins at 9:30am in the foyer outside the sanctuary and continues during the service until communion.
- **True Vine Atrium (ages 7-12).** Older children meet for prayer and bible study at 9:30am at the tables at the far side of the sanctuary. When church begins, children may take the provided materials to their seats to worship with their families, or continue working quietly at the tables.

Announcements

- **Easter Art Installation.** Would you like to help brainstorm and create a community-made art installation for Easter? Email Amy! amy@incarnationanglican.org
- **Child Safety Training: March 30.** We will hold a training after church on March 30. This training is required every two years for vestry, staff, and children/youth volunteers. All community members are encouraged to attend a session in order to become familiar with our policies for sexual abuse prevention. Email Josie to register: josie@incarnationanglican.org
- **Lent special offering.** Every year, Incarnation participates in the Lenten practice of almsgiving by collecting a special offering for an organization working outside our walls. This year's recipient is Five Talents, a Christian organization that trains women and men to find sustainable paths out of extreme poverty through entrepreneurship. (Five Talents just visited us on World Mission Sunday!) Learn more: fivetalents.org and give: incarnationanglican.org/give
- **Reconciliation of Penitents (also called Confession).** Amy and Katie are available to hear your confession throughout Lent by appointment. If you want to learn more why priests hear confessions and how to prepare for confession, pick up a handout from the welcome table or reach out to Amy or Katie.
- **Benevolence Fund.** Incarnation's benevolence fund is available to support people within our church experiencing financial hardship. Reach out to Amy or Katie!

Year-to-Date (YTD) Finances thru Jan 2025		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Expense	\$158,128	\$159,606
YTD Income	\$176,110	\$157,100
YTD Net	\$17,982	-\$2,506



Scan the QR code to sign up for our weekly email, give online, or fill out a visitor card.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Processional

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

Chorus:

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

2. Come ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

3. Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall.
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

4. View him prostrate in the garden:
On the ground your maker lies.
On the bloody tree behold him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

5. Lo, the incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude.

Joseph Hart © Public Domain

Opening Acclamation

Leader Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect for Purity

All **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 pastors follow the cross and gospel book into the sanctuary, reminding us that Jesus leads us into the presence of God.

The Collect for Purity is an English translation of a prayer that has been prayed at the beginning of worship for over 1000 years.

In the season of Lent, we follow the "penitential order" in our liturgy, which re-arranges our service to begin with the Ten Commandments, confession, and forgiveness.

The Decalogue (Ten Commandments)

Response for Commandments I to IX

Cm Fm Bb Fm Cm Ab Bb Cm

Lord, have mer-cy u - pon us, and in-cline our hearts to keep this law

Leader God spoke these words and said:

I. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

II. You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

III. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

IV. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

V. Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

VI. You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

VII. You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

VIII. You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Final response for Commandment X

Cm Fm Bb Fm Cm Ab Bb Cm

Lord, have mercy u - pon us, and write all these, your laws in our hearts we beseech you

X. You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

Response music: Grant Sung. Response lyrics: Book of Common Prayer.

The Confession and Absolution

Leader And now, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

All **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 pronounces forgiveness and words of comfort.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

1. When my work takes me places I don't want to go: Christ before me
And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road: Christ be with me
When the care of my family takes all that I have: Christ within me
When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad: Christ defend me

Refrain:

*I rise up today in a strength that is not my own
I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone*

2. When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up: Christ beside me
When I'm working so hard but it's never enough: Christ beside me
When I work hard but someone else gets the reward: God's eyes see me
When I ask for promotion and they shut the door: God's ears hear me

3. When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream: Christ above me
And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings: Christ beneath me

Wendell Kimbrough & Dan Wheeler © 2023 Porter's Gate

Collect of the Day & Prayer for Children

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Leader Let us pray.

All **Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Confession is a time to tell the truth about ourselves and our world, aloud and in one voice. Having confessed our sins, we are assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ.

The Collect of the Day "collects" the people's prayers according to theme of today's readings or of this day of the church calendar.

Jesus welcomed children and taught us to do the same.

The Lessons

During the scripture readings, listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. In the silences between readings, contemplate how God might be speaking through his Word.

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often quoted.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103

Reader Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
People **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits.**
Reader He forgives all your sins
 and heals all your infirmities;
People **He redeems your life from the grave
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

Reader He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**People The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

Reader He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

**People The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

Reader He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**People He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

Reader For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**People As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession (sung)

Please stand.

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads us into life

Jean Berthier © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé

The Psalms are the prayer book of the people of God throughout all ages. They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. They teach us how to pray as we recite them each week.

The New Testament records the preaching, letters, and stories of the early church.

The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We read the Gospels in the midst of the people because "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Hamlin

Silent Reflection

Our silence after the sermon will grow by one minute each week of Lent. This week we practice 3 minutes of silence.

The Nicene Creed

All **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.

Silence can initially make us feel tense, distracted, angered by interruptions, and afraid we are doing it wrong. That's normal. But if we persist in silence, these anxious thoughts gradually lose their strength and recede. Practicing silence teaches us to quiet our thoughts and refrain from noise, speech, and distraction, growing more attuned to God's loving presence and learning to rest there.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Announcements (see inside cover)

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

We Labor Unto Glory

1. My God, my God, where e'er I go, glory
Where I reap and where I sow, glory
When my hand, it grips the thorn, glory
In the still and in the storm, glory, glory

Chorus:

*Oh, we labor unto glory
'Til heaven and earth are one
Oh, we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes*

2. The sun it shines and then goes down, glory
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glory
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glory
Hearts they burn beneath your gaze, glory, glory

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Nicene Creed summarizes essential Christian faith and has been said by Christians across traditions, time, and space ever since the 4th century.

Having made our peace with God, we can now make peace with one another. Use this time to seek reconciliation with those you have hurt, or who have hurt you. Please also welcome someone new!

The priest sets the table with the bread and wine during the offertory. These gifts represent the labors of our common life, given back to God in worship.

You are invited to give to Incarnation in several ways:

- Bring cash or checks forward at communion to place in the basket*
- Use the QR code on the inside cover of the bulletin to give online*
- Text a dollar amount to 843-21*

To give to the Lent offering for Five Talents:

- Give online at incarnationanglican.org/give (choose Lent offering)
- Text a dollar amount plus "Lent" to 843-21

Sursum Corda means "lift up your heart" in Latin. We are invited to bring our whole selves into the story of the Eucharist.

Sanctus means "holy" in Latin. We join the song of the saints and angels who praise God without ceasing, as described in Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8.

*Chorus:
Oh, we labor unto glory
'Til heaven and earth are one
Oh, we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes*

3. My heart, my hands, they're kingdom-bound, glory
Where thorns no longer curse the ground, glory
Trim the wick and light the flame, glory
My work, it will not be in vain, glory, glory

Craig Harris and Isaac Wardell © Porter's Gate CCLI# 7097869

All (sung) **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, ye heavenly host;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Leader Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,
People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Sursum Corda

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Leader It is right, our duty and our joy . . . *[continued]*

The Sanctus

Leader . . . joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
All **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 Prayer of Consecration

Leader Holy and gracious Father . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
All **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 Fraction

Leader Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The bread is broken at the fraction, just as Jesus' own body was broken.

The Agnus Dei

Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy on us.**
Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy on us.**
Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Grant us your peace.**

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God" in Latin. John the Baptist declared Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" We cry out to this Lamb for mercy once more before receiving his life for ours.

Distribution of Communion

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise,
Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

*All baptized Christians
are invited forward to
receive the bread and
wine. Gluten-free bread
and wine are available;
just ask your server.*

*If you do not wish to
receive communion,
please come forward
with your arms crossed
and we will pray a prayer
of blessing.*

*When trained prayer
ministers are available,
we offer prayer
immediately after
communion in the chairs
near the stage, continued
after the service until all
who seek prayer have
received it.*

Chorus:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood.

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Louisa M. R. Stead and William James Kirkpatrick © Public Domain

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My Shepherd will supply my need
Jehovah is his name:
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back,
When I forsake his ways;
And leads me for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest,
But like a child at home.

Isaac Watts © Public Domain

The Prayer after Communion

All **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 Blessing and Dismissal

Leader Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Leader Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

We receive a final blessing and are sent out into the world to do the work Jesus taught us to do in our ordinary lives.