



INCARNATION  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



**STRANGE PEOPLE  
DOING  
STRANGER THINGS**

*December 7, 2025*  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

# Order of Service

Second Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME

*Our service follows a liturgical tradition handed down to us since the time of the Apostles. Please follow along, and participate by reading the portions in **bold**. Some people choose to follow the ancient Jewish tradition (see Ezekiel 9) of making a “cross” sign at certain portions of the liturgy. Those wishing to do so, may, at portions marked with a † sign.*

*We have modified our liturgy today to include portions from the **from the 1979 and 2019 Book of Common Prayer**. This includes prayers, confessions, and creeds from the past 2000 years of church history! It also includes all the scripture readings from the **Revised Common Lectionary**, used by Anglicans, Reformed, Lutherans, and other Christian Traditions worldwide.*

*Our service contains various songs from across time, while we believe that God can redeem all art and use it for His glory, their inclusion in our service does not mean that we condone, or agree with the artists complete worldview. If you have any questions or concerns about our music choices please reach out to Bishop Josh.*

*As Christians in the Anglican Tradition, we observe the Church Calendar, along with the majority of God’s people around the world and throughout history. This calendar enhances our worship experience, by creating a seasonal rhythm of worship whereby we regularly reflect upon the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, as well as the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Advent Season marks the beginning of the Christian Year, where we take time to reflect upon the anticipation surrounding both the first and promised second coming of Jesus Christ into the world.*

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

**Do you or someone you know have young children that would need care during our services? We have a children’s ministry in place, and would love to help serve however possible.**

***All of our child care workers are Ministry Safe certified, and have had full background checks.***

# MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Our service is divided in to two sections: **the Ministry of the Word of God**, and **the Ministry of the Holy Communion**. The first section primarily focuses on the scriptures, in light of all Jesus Christ has accomplished for us, as they are prayed, confessed, and explained.

## OPENING PROCESSION SONG

*Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord*  
(From *Godspell*, Words and Music by Stephen Schwartz)

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord'. It consists of two staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a melody with a long note on 'Pre' and a shorter note on 'pare'. The second staff continues the melody with notes for 'pare ye the way of the Lord'. Chords are indicated above and below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord, Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.' The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction '(Repeat 5X)'.

Chords: G, Am, G, D, G, Am, G, C, D, G

Lyrics: Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord, Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

(Repeat 5X)

# WORDS OF WELCOME

*Minister:* Welcome to Incarnation, a community rooted in Christ and the traditions we have received since the time of the Apostles, Artistic in the way we live our lives and worship, and Welcoming to all whom the Lord brings in to our midst.

*Celebrant:* Surely the Lord is coming soon,  
*People* **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** *Revelation 22:20*



## ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

### The Second Candle (The Love Candle)

The second Advent candle reminds us of God's love for humanity. It allows us to anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ, the ultimate expression of God's love for us. And it reminds us that one day, Jesus Christ will return to make everything right in the world that He loves so much.

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1: 18-21

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

## ADVENT HYMN

Oh Come Oh Come Emanuel (Verses 1, 2, 3)

1) Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

3) Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times gave holy law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

2) Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily,  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant & People:*           **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.**

*Congregation May Be Seated*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*“Collect” refers to a form of prayer, used in liturgies since the third century, that Christians use when they “collect” together for worship.*

*Celebrant:*                   The Lord be with you. *(Ruth 2:4)*

*People:*                   **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:*               Let us pray

*Celebrant:*               Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. †

*People:*                   **Amen.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI (1979 BCP, Pg. 392)

*The Leader and People pray responsively. Please note we will segue straight from prayers of people to confession of sin.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; and especially for President Donald Trump, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Adam Schiff, Congressman Kevin Kiley, Placer County Supervisor Bonnie Gore, and Roseville City Manager Dominic Casey.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Edward Vaughan, our Archbishop for Bishop Josh and Mother Kendra, our priests; Phoenix and Jess our postulants and for the following ministers, churches, and ministries: *(pause for names)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(pause for names)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. † **Amen.**

# CONFESSION OF SIN



*Minister:* Let us now confess our sins against God and each other:

*Minister & 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. †**

## ABSOLUTION

*Silent Prayer and Confession*

*(John 20:23)*

*Absolution means "to grant forgiveness". The words the minister shares here are Christ's words of forgiveness to His children.*

*Minister here reads comfortable words from scripture, then says:*

May 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.**



## PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

## SIGN OF PEACE

*Minister:* May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

*(John 20: 19, 21)*

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another during this time with a "Holy Fist Bump".  
The traditional greeting is "Peace Be With You" with the response "And also with you..."*



# THE LESSONS:

## LESSON SONG

### Holy Water - We The Kingdom

#### Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh I need You

#### Chorus

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water (on my skin)

#### Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You  
Oh God I need You oh

#### Bridge

I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change

#### Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin  
Oh it's like holy water

## FIRST LESSON

### Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSVue

1:1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

9 They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSE

### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
\*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory.**  
**Amen. Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING

### Romans 15:4-13 NRSVue

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors 9 and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”;

10 and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

11 and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;

12 and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

# GOSPEL HYMN

*Congregation may cross their forehead †, lips †, and then heart †, as a way of physically praying that the word of God would dwell in their minds, their words, and their hearts.*

## "Yours Are The Words of Life" Words, Ancient. Music, Fr. Rob Patterson

Musical score for the hymn "Yours Are The Words of Life". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is on a single staff. The lyrics are: "A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, yours are the words of life." The score is divided into three systems. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second covers measures 5-8, and the third covers measures 9-10. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, G, F, C, G7 in the first system; C, Am7, F, G in the second system; F, C in the third system. Measure numbers 1, 5, and 9 are indicated at the start of their respective systems.

# GOSPEL READING

*Reader:* Reading the Holy Gospel † of our Lord Jesus Christ †, according to Matthew 3 †.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## Matthew 3:1-12 NRSVue

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

*Reader:* The gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

# THE MESSAGE

Strange People Doing Stranger Things

**Bp. Joshua Lickter**

# Apostles' Creed

*(2nd Century)*

*The Apostles' Creed is one of the earliest known Christian confessions. In the early church, it served as a litmus test to help determine what true Christian belief entailed. Anyone wanting to be baptized and become a member of the church needed to be able to confess and believe this creed. Together with the Nicene Creed, the Apostles' Creed has helped establish the boundaries that define "Christian" and unify followers of Christ for almost 2000 years.*

*Minister:* Followers of Christ, what do you believe?

*Minister & People:*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**



*\*"Catholic" means "universal" or "true". It does not refer to a particular denomination or tradition.*

*You may be seated*

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*Christ followers support the church's mission and ministry through offering a sacrificial portion of our resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace. This pattern presents itself to us throughout the scriptures. (See, for example, Deuteronomy 26; Proverbs 3: 8,9; Malachi 3:10) For many at Incarnation, it is easier to give online.*

*To give online, please visit [www.IncarnationMission.Org](http://www.IncarnationMission.Org), and click on "Donate".*

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*Or you can mail us a check at PO Box 434, Roseville, CA 95661.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Minister & People:* **Through Christ may we continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. May we not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Amen.**

*(-Based on Hebrews 13:15, 16)*

# OFFERTORY SONG

## People Are Strange

-The Doors, 1967, from "Strange Days"

People are strange when you're a stranger  
Faces look ugly when you're alone  
Women seem wicked when you're unwanted  
Streets are uneven when you're down

When you're strange  
Faces come out of the rain  
When you're strange  
No one remembers your name  
When you're strange  
When you're strange  
When you're strange

People are strange when you're a stranger  
Faces look ugly when you're alone  
Women seem wicked when you're unwanted  
Streets are uneven when you're down

When you're strange  
Faces come out of the rain  
When you're strange  
No one remembers your name  
When you're strange  
When you're strange  
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When you're strange  
No one remembers your name  
When you're strange  
When you're strange  
When you're strange

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be-low;

Praise him a-bove, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

## CLOSING OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Minister:* All things come of thee, Oh Lord  
*People:* and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.  
 (-I Chronicles 29:14)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Sursum Corda** *Latin for "Lift Up Our Hearts"*  
*Minister:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, Hosannah!

Fr. Peter Scholtes

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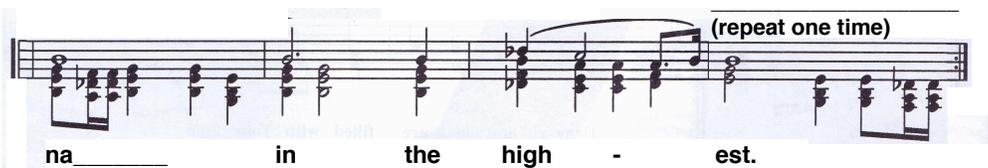
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might



Heaven and earth are filled with Your glo - ry



Ho - san - na! Ho - san -



na in the high - est.

*Minister:* Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord †

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest!**

*“Hosanna” means “Save now, Oh God” in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. (Psalm 118:25; Mark 11:9, 10; Matthew 21:9)*

*Minister:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.” †

Therefore let us now sing the words of the mystery of the faith:

*Mysterium Fidei (Mystery of the Faith)*  
Music: R. Bethancourt; Lyrics: 2nd Century

Em Am  
Christ has died \_\_\_\_\_ . Christ is ri - sen \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Men Men  
Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen  
Women Women  
G D Em  
Christ will come a - gain \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Christ will come a - gain \_\_\_\_\_ .

**EPICLESIS** *"Epiclesis" comes from the Greek word ἐπίκλησις meaning "to call down upon", because we call the Spirit down upon the elements during this portion of the liturgy.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. † Sanctify us also, † that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** †

## THE LORDS PRAYER

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

*Minister & 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.*

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



*Please sit or kneel*

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*People:* We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Minister:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

*You May Be Seated*

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharistic elements on the altar are open to all who would consider themselves baptized Christians, regardless of tradition or background. There are multiple ways to participate:

- You can take the host and dip it in the cup (This is called intinction) or you may partake of only the wafer (This is called communion in one kind. We believe the body and blood of Christ will still manifest in a mystical manner).
- You may also drink from the cup of wine, but if you do, please wait near the end of the communion line.
- There is also a second chalice with grape juice in it for those unable to partake of the wine.
- If you or your children would like to come forward to witness the table, but not partake, you are welcome to do so. Just cross your arms, and the minister will pray a blessing over you.

You don't have to know all the answers, nor do you need "perfect" faith. God has faithfully met people throughout the ages by way of these words and elements. Whatever struggles or doubts you may have, He will faithfully meet you through these means of grace. If you find yourself unsure of your standing with God, please take advantage of this time to consider all God has done for you through Jesus Christ.

### Prayer For Spiritual Communion (For those watching Online):

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## *Prayers of Meditation* Please feel free to use the following prayers to help you draw closer to The Lord.

### ***Prayer for Those Searching for Truth***

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Amen.

### ***Prayer of Belief***

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### ***Prayer of Commitment***

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**If you have any questions about your Faith or need to talk or pray with someone,  
please contact any member of our pastoral team.**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven **Amen.** †

The Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation **Amen.** †

*After Communion, the Minister says:*

Let us pray.

*Minister and People:*

**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**

*Please stand in body or spirit as we sing the Gloria Patri*

The *Gloria Patri* contains the oldest known words, outside of scripture, that followers of Christ have sung or recited, for over 1900 years. Traditionally, when the Trinitarian Formula (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) is used, worshippers either bow their heads or make the sign of the cross.

## ***Gloria Patri***

Source unknown, 2nd century

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and  
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

*Please Be Seated*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CLOSING BLESSING**

*Minister:* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, † be among you, and remain with you always. (*Philippians 4:7*)

*People:* **Amen.**

# CLOSING SONG

## *I've Got Peace Like A River*

-Traditional

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems of piano accompaniment with lyrics. The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mf*. The second system includes a vocal line with a long note and a breath mark. The third system includes a vocal line with a long note. The fourth system includes a vocal line with a long note. The chords G, C, and D are indicated above the staff.

1. I've got peace like a ri - ver, I've got peace like a ri - ver, I've got  
*mf*

2. I've got love like an ocean... 3. I've got joy like a fountain 4. Got that Holy Spirit...

peace like a ri - ver in my soul. (In my soul) I've got

peace like a ri - ver, I've got peace like a riv - ver, I've got

peace like a ri - ver in my soul.

*"...Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream..." -Isaiah 66: 12*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." -Galatians 5: 22, 23*

## DISMISSAL

*Minister:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Anyone wanting prayer or anointing are encouraged to come to the altar at the close of service*

# FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

**Thursday Morning Prayer.** Join us to pray the Daily Office at the Fig Tree (217 Vernon St) at 9:30 am.

## Jespers

Evening prayer led by Jessica Cullen in Rocklin (temporarily in Rancho Cordova). It will be on the 2nd and 4th **Thursdays** at 6:30. Appetizers will be served. For more information please contact Jessica. 916-642-5184 [JessicaKcullen@gmail.com](mailto:JessicaKcullen@gmail.com)  
Next Date: Dec 11

**Leadership Meetings** The Vestry is the leadership team of the church; all are welcome to join our meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month. We meet at after church at the Fig (217 Vernon St); for info: Riss @ [larissa@incarnationmission.org](mailto:larissa@incarnationmission.org)  
Jan 25

## Serve Monday Lunch at First UMC

Join Pastor Phoenix in serving the homeless at the Monday noon lunch at First UMC church. Contact Phoenix if you would like more information.

## Socks and coats

We are collecting donations of new socks and gently used coats to be handed out at the First UMC's Monday lunch. You can give them to Rachel

## My Mother's Voice

We are collecting donations for "My Mother's Voice" They are most in need of canned and non perishable food specifically, canned beans, rice, canned tomatoes, seasonings, flour, Maseca (corn flour), peanut/almond butter, new socks (all sizes) and hairbrushes. you have any questions please contact Elena.

## Longest Night Service

Dec. 21

Join us as we hold space for the darkness of the season. Christmas is not always joyful for those who are mourning, depressed, or feel alone. This interactive service will help us reflect on the light of Christ amid that darkness. If you have any questions please reach out to Mother Kendra.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us at our 11 pm Candle light Christmas Eve service



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Meeting at Bethel Lutheran Church

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Roseville, CA 95678

11:00 AM

## OLD TESTAMENT (1)

### Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSVue

1:1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see

or decide by what his ears hear,

4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the lion will feed together,

and a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

9 They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM. (2)

### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory.**  
**Amen. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT (3)

### Romans 15:4-13 NRSVue

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors 9 and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”;

10 and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

11 and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;

12 and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL

*Reader:* Reading the Holy Gospel † of our Lord Jesus Christ †,  
according to Luke chapter 3 †.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Matthew 3:1-12 NRSVue**

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

*Reader:* The gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**