



INCARNATION
ANGLICAN CHURCH

IF IT BE



YOUR WILL

August 2, 2026

Order of Service

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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.*

*Our liturgy today includes portions 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.*

As Christians in the Anglican Tradition, we follow the Church Calendar in order to establish a life-rhythm whereby we regularly focus on various aspects of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Doing so helps us better understand how all these aspects of the Christian Narrative intersect with our everyday lives.

As Anglicans who observe the Church Calendar, we now celebrate Ordinary Time, which begins on Pentecost Sunday and lasts until late November. During this season, we reflect upon gift of the Holy Spirit, given to the church on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2. We believe that the miraculous work begun that day has continued through to the present day. Ordinary Time reminds us of the intersection between our story, and that of the early church, and provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how God operates even in the midst of common, ordinary events.

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

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep
We sing

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
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Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

As deep cries out to deep
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As deep cries out to deep
We sing

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

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 Blessed be God, The Father and the Son and The Holy Spirit. ✠
People **And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever! Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Minister: Let us pray together.

Minister & 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.

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.

Minister: The Lord be with you. *(Ruth 2:4)*
People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ✠

People: **Amen.**

Congregation May Be Seated

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.

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.

And now, let us pray a Prayer for Social Justice:

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Prayer for Social Justice Book of Common Prayer, p. 260)

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



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.

(Silent Confession)



ABSOLUTION

(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

EVERYTHING

God in my living
There in my breathing
God in my waking
God in my sleeping

God in my resting
There in my working
God in my thinking
God in my speaking

Be my everything
Be my everything
Be my everything
Be my everything

God in my hoping
There in my dreaming
God in my watching
God in my waiting

God in my laughing
There in my weeping
God in my hurting
God in my healing

Christ in me
Christ in me
Christ in me the hope of glory
You are everything
Christ in me
Christ in me
Christ in me the hope of glory
Be my everything

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5 NRSVue

55:1 Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Now you shall call nations that you do not
know, and nations that do not know you shall
run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One
of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSE

Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-22

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.

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.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 9:1-5 NRSVue

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL HYMN

Congregation may stand and reverence the gospel book as we process out with it. Congregation may also 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

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "A - le - lu - ia". It is written in 4/4 time and features three systems of music. The first system includes the lyrics "A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, yours are the words of life." and the second system includes "A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, yours are the words of _____ of _____". The third system shows the word "life" under a final note. Chord symbols (C, G, F, Am7) are placed above the notes. The score is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The second system starts with a bass clef. The third system starts with a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word "life" is written below the final note of the third system.

GOSPEL READING

Reader: Reading the Holy Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ ☩, according to Matthew chapter 14 ☩.

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

Matthew 14:13-21 NRSVue

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

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

THE MESSAGE

Bishop Joshua Lickter

If It Be Your Will

NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or spirit

(4th Century)

This creed, drafted at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, responded to the heretical teachings of Arius, who preached Jesus as a non-eternal, created being. At the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD, this creed underwent further modification, in order to better communicate a Biblical understanding of the Trinity. It uses the word “catholic” to refer to the universal church, consisting of Christ followers throughout the ages, as opposed to a particular denomination. Together with the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed has helped establish the boundaries that define “Christian” and unify followers of Christ for almost 2000 years.

The following version of the Creed is used in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer. It is a newer English translation, that better reflects the language of the original Creed in Greek. The phrase “and the Son” †(Latin: **filioque**) is not in the original Greek text. The Coptic and Orthodox Traditions do not use it, and reciting it during the creed is optional.

Minister: Followers of Christ, what do you believe?

Minister & People:

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.



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.

**"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.

We encourage our members to give online during this time. To do so, please visit www.IncarnationMission.Org, and click on “Donate”. You may also mail your offering to us 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

If It Be Your Will

-Leonard Cohen

If it be your will That I speak no more
And my voice be still As it was before
I will speak no more I shall abide until
I am spoken for If it be your will

If it be your will That a voice be true
From this broken hill I will sing to you
From this broken hill
All your praises they shall ring
If it be your will To let me sing

If it be your will If there is a choice
Let the rivers fill Let the hills rejoice
Let your mercy spill On all these burning hearts in hell
If it be your will To make us well

And draw us near And bind us tight
All your children here In their rags of light
In our rags of light All dressed to kill
And end this night If it be your will
If it be your will.

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THOS. KEN.

Doxology.

(Old Hundred. L. M.)

LOUIS BOURGEOIS.

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

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,
People And of thine own have we given thee.
 -1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

People may be seated or remain standing

DEACON'S MASS SCRIPTURE READING

53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **55** For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. **56** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. (John 6:53-56)

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.

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.

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

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

The Cup of Christ, the blood 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

If you are able, please stand for the singing of 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

HENRY W. GREATOREX

The musical score for 'Gloria Patri' is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a 2/2 time signature and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The second system continues the melody and harmony, with lyrics 'Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and'. The third system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.' and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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Please Be Seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING BLESSING

Minister: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our 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 us, and remain with us always.

(Philippians 4:7)

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

BREATHE DEEP

Politicians, morticians, Philistines,
homophobes
Skinheads, Dead heads,
tax evaders, street kids
Alcoholics, workaholics, wise guys,
dimwits
Blue collars, white collars, war-mongers,
peacenicks

Chorus:

Breathe deep
breathe deep the Breath of God
Breathe deep
breathe deep the Breath of God

Suicidals, rock idols, shut-ins, drop outs
Friendless, homeless, penniless and
depressed
Presidents, residents, foreigners and aliens
Dissidents, feminists, xenophobes and
chauvinists

Chorus

Evolutionists, creationists
perverts, slum lords
Deadbeats, athletes, Protestants and
Catholics
Housewives, neophytes, pro-choice, pro-life
Misogynists, monogamists, philanthropists,
blacks and whites

Chorus

Police, obese, lawyers, and government
Sex offenders, tax collectors, war vets,
rejects
Atheists, scientists, racists, sadists
Photographers, biographers, artists,
pornographers

Chorus

Gays and lesbians, demagogues and
thespians
The disabled, preachers, doctors and
teachers
Meat eaters, wife beaters, judges and juries
Long hair, no hair, everybody everywhere!!

Chorus

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.

We will be taking a break for the Summer.

Jespers

Evening prayer led by Jessica Watanabe in Rocklin. It will be on the 2nd and 4th

Thursday at 6:30. Appetizers will be served. For more information please contact Jessica. 916-642-5184

JessicaKcullen@gmail.com

Next Date: Aug 13, 27

Sunday Bible Study

The Acts Bible Study will be taking a break for the Summer. Please join us again in the Fall.

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, Masca (corn flour), peanut/almond butter, new socks (all sizes) and hairbrushes. you have any questions please contact Elena.

Giving of Our Time and Talents

Would you like to get more involved at Incarnation? We are looking for volunteers to help with running the live stream, child care, and musicians. If you are interested in helping in any of these or other areas please speak with Bishop Josh.

Learn how to pray the Daily Office.

Download the Mission St Claire app, or visit:

<https://www.missionstclare.com/>



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11:00 AM

First lesson(1)

Isaiah 55:1-5 NRSVue

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People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM. (2)

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NEW TESTAMENT (3)

Romans 9:1-5 English Standard Version

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Lector: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

NEW TESTAMENT (3)

Reader: Reading the Holy Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ ☩, according to Matthew chapter 14 ☩.

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

Matthew 14:13-21 NRSVue

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

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