



INCARNATION

ANGLICAN CHURCH



Dealing with the
Darkness Within



September 13, 2026

Order of Service

Sixteenth 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

Spirit Of The Living God

Words and Music by
Daniel Iverson

$\text{♩} = 80$ **CHORUS**

E A⁶ C[#]/G[#] F[#]m E/B B⁷ E

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the

6 A⁶ C[#]/G[#] F[#]m E/B A/B B⁷ E A E

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me,

11 F[#]7/E B/D[#] C[#]m⁷ B⁷ E

fill me, use _____ me. Spir - it of the

14 A⁶ C[#]/G[#] F[#]m E/B A/B B⁷ E

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Beautiful Scandalous Night

- The Choir

Go on up to the mountain of mercy To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul In the fountain that flowed
For you and for me and for all

CHORUS:

At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree
On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white
On that beautiful, scandalous night

On the hillside, you will be delivered At the foot of the cross justified
And your spirit restored By the river that poured
From our blessed Savior's side

CHORUS

Go on up to the mountain of mercy To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

CHORUS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21 NRSVue

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept,[b] fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSE

Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13

1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

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

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

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]

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

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

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

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

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

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12 NRSVue

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, yours are the words of life.

A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, yours are the words of life.

life

GOSPEL READING

Reader: Reading the Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, according to Matthew chapter 18 ✠.

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

Matthew 18:21-35 NRSVue

21 Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven[a] times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

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

THE MESSAGE

Bishop Joshua Lickter

Dealing with the Darkness Within

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

Darkness
Leonard Cohen

[Chorus]

I caught the darkness
It was drinking from your cup
I caught the darkness
I'm drinking from your cup

[Verse 1]

I got no future
I know my days are few
The present's not that pleasant
Just a lot of things to do
I thought the past would last me
But the darkness got that too

[Verse 2]

I should have seen it coming
It was right behind your eyes
You were young and it was summer
I just had to take a dive
Winning you was easy
But darkness was the prize

[Verse 3]

I don't smoke no cigarette
I don't drink no alcohol
I ain't had much loving yet
But that's always been your call
Hey I don't miss it baby
I got no taste for anything at all

[Verse 4]

I used to love the rainbow
And I used to love the view
I loved the early morning
I'd pretend that it was new
But I caught the darkness baby
And I got it worse than you

[Chorus]

I caught the darkness
It was drinking from your cup
I caught the darkness
I'm drinking from your cup
I said: Is this contagious?
You said: Just drink it up

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 29:14

People may be seated or remain standing

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb*, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

* "Paschal" means "Passover".

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, Hosannah!

Fr. Peter Scholtes

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staff. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might'. The second line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Heaven and earth are filled with Your glo - ry' and is marked '(repeat one time)'. The third line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Ho - san - na! _____ Ho - san -'. The fourth line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'na _____ in the high - est.' and is also marked '(repeat one time)'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests.

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

(repeat one time)

Heaven and earth are filled with Your glo - ry

Ho - san - na! _____ Ho - san -

na _____ in the high - est.

(repeat one time)

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:

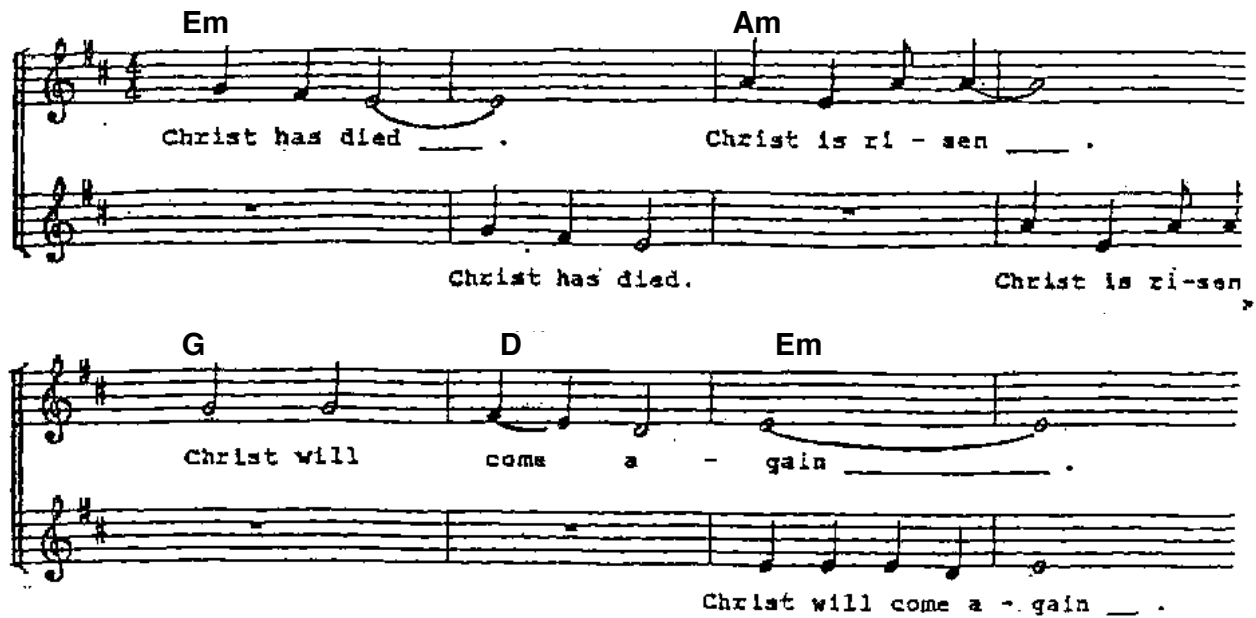
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among 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



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:

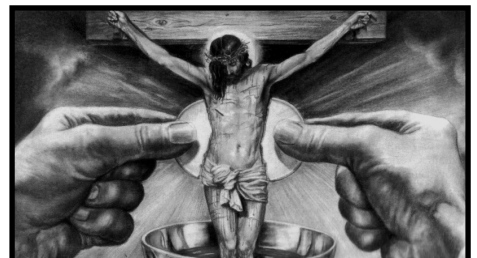
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ✠. For thine is 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 and Blood of Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Amen.** ✚

Or

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

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. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: '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.' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land Traditional African American Spiritual

Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land;
Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Verse 1

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again

Verse 2

The Lord's our Rock, in him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Verse 3

No one can do like Jesus,
He is with us night and day;
When the road is dark and we are weary,
He will lead us on the way.

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

Morning Prayer.

Please let Bishop Josh know what day works best for you if you would like to attend, as we look to start again.

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

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Next Date: Sept 24

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, Maseca (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.

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1050 Douglas Blvd

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11:00 AM

First lesson(1)

Genesis 50:15-21 NRSVue

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept,^[b] fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM. (2)

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

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

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

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]

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

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

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

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

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

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

NEW TESTAMENT (3)

Romans 14:1-12 NRSVue

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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 18 ☩.

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

Matthew 18:21-35 NRSVue

21 'Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven[a] times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

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