



Head of Christ, Rembrandt, 1640s

WELCOME TO INCARNATION

Worship. Welcome. Wonder.

April 7, 2024 | Second Sunday of Eastertide



Welcome

Thanks for worshipping with us today! At the tables near the entrance, you can find coffee, name tags, and blue visitor cards for sharing prayer requests and contact information. We also have sensory items available to help you enter more fully into worship.

Multigenerational Worship

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

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

Announcements

- **Midweek Eucharist continues.** We are continuing to partner with Coracle to offer a brief Eucharist service (~30 minutes) every Wednesday at 12pm at Greenbrier Baptist (5401 7th Rd S). All are welcome!
- **Eastertide Flowers.** The children in the Good Shepherd Atrium will continue working with flowers on Sunday mornings through Pentecost, and we'd love for you to bring in spring blooms from your yard, or from your Trader Joe's run. Drop them off with Megan or Josie in the foyer before church.
- **April 13 Arlington Racial History Walk.** Our friends at Coracle are leading a Racial History Walk in Arlington on April 13, 9a-1p, lunch included. The tour will look at the racial history of Arlington County, sites that tell the story of black families, sit-ins, the history of displacement of residents of color during DC development, and the contributions of prominent black writers, mathematicians, and leaders. The group will also have time to pray, reflect, and read scripture together. Registration link in the Wednesday newsletter.
- **April Outreach Partner: Abara.** This month, we pray for our partners serving along the Texas-Mexico border through Abara. A team from Incarnation will take a border encounter trip with Abara April 24-26.
- **After the service, please lend a hand!** If you're able, please help pack one bin or take one item to the entrance for loading on the van — thank you!



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

A Service of Holy Communion

Processional Song

Were You There?

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
4. Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
O . . . Sometimes I feel like shouting glory, glory, glory!
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

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Opening Acclamation

- Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Leader The Lord be with you:
People **And also with you.**
Leader The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
People **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**
Leader I was glad when they said to me:
People **Let us go to the house of the Lord.**
Leader Praise the Lord:
People **The name of the Lord be praised.**

*From Easter until the fall,
we use a liturgy from our
brothers and sisters in
Kenya. This liturgy
connects us to the global
church and is full of
joyful participation!*

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

The Collect for Purity

Leader Let us pray:

All **Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Leader Glory to the Father,

People **Glory to the Son,**

Leader Glory to the Spirit,

People **Forever Three in One.**

Song of Praise

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! what a Strength for weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.

3. Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

4. Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find,
He has granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.

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Collect of the Day & Prayer for Children

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Leader Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 3:12-26

After the reading

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

Psalm 111

Reader Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
People **Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.**
Reader His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures for ever.
People **He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**
Reader He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
People **He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.**
Reader The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.
People **They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**
Reader He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his Name.
People **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.**

Third Reading: 1 John 1:1-7

After the reading

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

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

Jesus welcomed children and taught us to do the same.

During most of the church year, the first reading comes from the Old Testament. However, during Eastertide, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, telling the aftermath of the resurrection.

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

*The four Gospels
(Matthew, Mark, Luke,
and John) tell the life,
teachings, death, and
resurrection of Jesus. We
stand to hear them as a
sign of our reverence for
Christ the Word. We read
the Gospels in the midst
of the people because
"the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us."*

Gospel Procession (sung)

Please stand.

Hallelu - hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come! (x4)

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Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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

After the reading

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Hamlin

Song of Response

How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God!*

2. Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Bridge:

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

The Peace

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

Announcements (see inside cover)

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

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

The Eucharist

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

*We do not pass a
collection plate, but you
are welcome to give
online using the QR code
at the back of the
bulletin.*

The Offertory

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died
The love of God was magnified
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground, his body lay
Light of the world, by darkness, slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here, in the power of Christ, I stand

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Leader All things come from you O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Sursum Corda

Leader Is the Father with us?
People **He is.**
Leader Is Christ among us?
People **He is.**
Leader Is the Spirit here?
People **He is.**
Leader This is our God.
People **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
Leader We are his people.
People **We are redeemed.**
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Leader It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father . . .

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

The Sanctus

Leader . . . Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:
All (sung) **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

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

The Prayer of Consecration

Leader Almighty God, owner of all things . . . On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
People **Amen! His body was broken for us.**

Leader In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Leader We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
People **We have died together,
We will rise together,
We will live together.**

Leader Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

People **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Leader This is the feast of victory.

People **The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah!**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Leader Christ is alive forever.

People **We are because he is.**

Leader We are one body.

People **We share one bread.**

Leader Draw near with faith.

People **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**



Distribution of Communion

Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus:

*Up from the grave he arose;
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

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O Worship the King

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Chorus: Alle - Alleluia, Alle - Alleluia (repeat)

3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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

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

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

The Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

Leader All our problems

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Leader All our difficulties

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Leader All the devil's works

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Leader All our hopes

People **We set on the risen Christ.**

The Blessing

Leader Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Leader Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

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