



WELCOME TO INCARNATION

Worship. Welcome. Wonder

October 11, 2026 | Ordinary Time



Welcome

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

Multigenerational Worship

We are a multigenerational church and welcome children as full participants in our community. Adults are practicing hospitality by welcoming the noise and wiggles of children. Children are practicing reverence by using whispers and quiet movements (parents, please help them practice!). We are all practicing entering the kingdom as little children. We offer the following programs:

- **Mustard Seed Atrium (ages 0-3).** Nursery care for our youngest children from 9am until the Peace.
- **Good Shepherd Atrium (3-6 year olds).** Available from 9am through the Peace.
- **True Vine Atrium (7+ year olds).** Bible study and treats in the courtyard before church, 8:15-8:55am.
- **Caregivers with infants** in arms may use the sanctuary balcony, but it's not a suitable spot for mobile children. And there are many spots throughout the building where parents and children can take a break together: outside the sanctuary in the narthex, the nursery, courtyard, fellowship hall, or the playground.

Announcements

- **Vestry slate.** We will hold a vestry election in person on Sunday, Oct 25, at the parish meeting. Read about our slate of candidates: incarnationanglican.org/blog
- **L'Arche Halloween Party.** Join our friends at L'Arche for a Halloween party on Saturday, Oct 24, from 2-4pm at Clarendon UMC (606 N Irving St, Arlington 22201).
- **October 25: Membership Sunday and Parish Meeting.** We will accept new members on Sunday, October 25. Interested? Email Amy: amy@incarnationanglican.org. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share and linger after the service for a potluck and parish meeting on the playground after church.
- **Nov 1: All Saints.** On All Saints Sunday, we remember those who have died in the past year. If you would like to include a loved one in this time of remembrance, please email their photo, name, and their relationship to you to Russell: russell@incarnationanglican.org. All Saints is also a traditional time for baptisms. Interested in baptism for yourself or your child? Email Amy: amy@incarnationanglican.org
- **Nov 7: All Saints' Cemetery Walk.** We'll observe All Saints/Souls Day with a cemetery walk on Saturday, November 7 at 10am with Holy Comforter. Meet at the Soldiers' Home National Cemetery (21 Harewood Rd NW, Washington, DC); parking and restrooms available inside cemetery grounds. We will talk about death, resurrection, and the new heavens and new earth together.
- **Sign up for fall small groups!** It's not too late to sign-up for fall small groups! We have groups that meet in Arlington, McLean, and DC. Sign up today! incarnationanglican.org/small-groups
- **Holy Comforter is hiring!** Our church plant, Holy Comforter, is hiring a full-time pastoral resident. Read more in the Wednesday Welcome, or reach out to Katie: katie@holyccomforterpg.org
- **Church Communications.** Incarnation sends a weekly email newsletter (The Wednesday Welcome) for church events, and maintains a WhatsApp Community for informal communications of all sorts. Email Emily to join either or both! emily@incarnationanglican.org

Incarnation FY26 Year-to-Date Finances (Oct 1-Sept 30)		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Expense	\$483,881	\$466,249
YTD Income	\$491,909	\$422,465
YTD Net	\$8,028	-\$43,784



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The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Song

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

"He has done great things," we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord, our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, O how long?

O God of Jacob, be my strength

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom

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Opening Acclamation

Leader Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We follow the cross into the sanctuary to begin our worship, demonstrating our desire to follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

From fall until next Easter, we follow the Renewed Ancient liturgy of the 2019 Book of Common Prayer. This liturgy includes the ancient prayers of the early church in contemporary language.

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.

*When asked to summarize
all that God had taught his
people, this was Jesus'
reply. (Matthew 22:37-40)*

The Summary of the Law

Leader Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
With the Spirit, ever be.

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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 **O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness:
Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things
which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. Amen.**

*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.*

Blessing the Atrium

*Today is the first day of a new year of children's programs. We call our children's spaces
Atriums, which was the name in the early church for physical space between the entrance
and the sanctuary. The Atrium was a place of preparation for worship, where new
Christians were instructed in the faith and life of the church.*

For the Mustard Seed Atrium (ages 0-3)

Lord, bless the youngest children and their caregivers in the Mustard Seed Atrium.
Help them to know your lovingkindness there, and to be nourished by the care of
your church. Amen.

For the Good Shepherd Atrium (ages 4-6)

Lord, bless the Good Shepherd Atrium and the children who will work and pray and
play there. May it be a place where they hear you calling them by name and find a
home in your sheepfold. Amen.

For the True Vine Atrium (ages 7+)

Lord, bless the children who will listen and pray amongst us in the sanctuary and
courtyard. May this be a place where they learn to ever more abide in you, and you
in them, as you tend their lives and make them fruitful. Amen.

Sanctuary Blessing (all ages)

Lord, bless all the people of this church, of every age, as we worship together. Help
us to love, welcome, and learn from one another. May we all come to claim the
stories and worship of your church as our own. May we all know you as we are
known by you, and love you as we are loved by you. And may we all grow in wonder,
becoming as little children so we may know you better. Amen.

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

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession (sung)

Please stand.

Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! (x3)

The Bible tells me so.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The second reading is taken from the New Testament, which records the preaching, letters, and stories of the early church.

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

The Sermon

Grant Sung

Take notes, draw, or doodle in response to the sermon

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

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 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.

Prayers of the People

After each bidding, the leader will briefly pause so that you may add your own prayers either silently or aloud. The leader will then conclude:

Leader	Lord in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer

Confession and Absolution

Leader Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

The Peace

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

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!

Announcements (see inside cover)

Parents, please pick up your children from the nursery at the Peace!

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Your Labor is Not in Vain

1. Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
Your labor is not in vain

2. Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

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

You are invited to give to Incarnation in several ways:

- Place cash or checks in the basket
- Use the QR code:



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

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

Chorus:

*For I am with you, I am with you
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you,
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain*

3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

4. The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed

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

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

The Sursum Corda

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

The Sanctus

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

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest (x2)**

The Prayer of Consecration

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

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom
come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

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

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

The Agnus Dei

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

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

Distribution of Communion

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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

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

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Eternal Weight of Glory

1. Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him, our strength

2. We with wonder, fear, and trembling
Will and work for God's delight
In his absence or his presence
Shining forth in this dark night
Running, pouring out, and lab'ring,
Holding forth the word of life
He will work out our salvation
Now until the Day of Christ

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

3. Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

Bridge 1:

*As the manna in the desert,
You, your wand'ring children fed;
And that night among your chosen,
Pledged yourself in wine and bread.
After weary, wary watching,
You will greet us at the door;
You will serve us at your wedding feast.
This is our God we've waited for!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You will serve us at your wedding feast.
This is our God we've waited for!*

*All baptized Christians
are invited forward to
receive the bread and
wine.*

*Our communion bread is
gluten-, dairy-, corn-,
soy-, and nut-free, but
contains egg. For egg-
free wafers, please use
the line on the right side
of the sanctuary and ask
your server.*

*We serve wine. For grape
juice, please use the line
on the right side of the
sanctuary and 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.*

4. We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

Bridge 2:

*For behold! I tell a mystery
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in victory!
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's victory song
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's victory song!*

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The Prayer after Communion

All **Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Leader 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. Amen.

Children are invited to follow the cross to join the recessional and dismissal!

The cross moves to the rear door of the sanctuary, signaling our movement out into the world to live as Jesus taught us.

The Recessional & Dismissal

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

When prayer teams are available, we offer after-service prayer on the bench near the playground gate after the service.

Please pick up any trash or belongings left in your pew, tidy and return any children's worship bags, then make your way to the Fellowship Hall or playground so that the next congregation may access the sanctuary!