



WELCOME TO INCARNATION

Worship. Welcome. Wonder

October 26, 2025 | Ordinary Time



Welcome

Thanks for worshipping with us today! At the tables near the entrance, you can find name tags, visitor cards, 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. This fall, we offer the following for our children

- **Mustard Seed Atrium (ages 0-3).** Nursery care for our youngest children is available at 9am in the large room down the hall and to the left. Children should be picked up at the Peace.
- **Good Shepherd Atrium (ages 4-6).** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori-based faith formation program) begins at 9am in the parlor (down the hall and to the right), and continues until the Peace.
- **True Vine Atrium (ages 7+).** Older children are invited to connect with the liturgy through worship with their families. Worship bags are available for children to use in their pews.
- 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

- **Outreach Partner of the Month.** This month, we're praying for our partner "Miranda" who is serving in South Asia. Pray for her work with a marginalized people group and for her local coworkers.
- **All Saints Cemetery Walk.** We'll begin our celebration of All Saints Day with an all ages walk at Rock Creek Cemetery (201 Allison St NW, Washington, DC 20011) on Saturday, November 1 at 10am (Please note, this event is no longer at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria). Together we'll remember our departed loved ones and what the church believes about death and resurrection. Contact Katie for more information. katie@incarnationanglican.org.
- **All Saints Remembrance.** We will remember those who have died in the past year on All Saints Sunday, Nov 2. If you would like someone to be remembered in the service, please send a photo, name, and relationship of anyone who has died in the past year to Russell Vick by Thursday, October 30th. russell@incarnationanglican.org.
- **Vestry Election Candidates.** Our vestry election will open next Sunday, Nov 2. Please read candidates' bios as you prayerfully discern your vote: incarnationanglican.org/blog
- **Parish meeting.** We will hold a parish meeting on Sunday, November 9, after church. Please plan to stay!
- **Lessons and Carols Service.** We are bringing back our choir-led Lessons and Carols service on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30. If you would like to participate in the choir, reach out to Grant Sung: gwksung@gmail.com
- **Confirmation.** Our bishop will visit to confirm people on Sunday, December 7. We will hold a confirmation preparation class this fall for anyone who is interested in being confirmed or simply wants to learn more about this church practice. Interested in learning more about confirmation? Email Amy: amy@incarnationanglican.org

Year-to-Date (YTD) Finances thru August 2025		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Expense	\$443,861	\$420,126
YTD Income	\$478,703	\$415,250
YTD Net	\$34,842	-\$4,876



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The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Song

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of our God and king, the triumphs of his grace

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name

Refrain: Alle, Alleluia! Alle, Alleluia! Alle, Alleluia! Alle, Alleluia!

3. Jesus the name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace

4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; he sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me

5. To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven

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

Opening Acclamation

Leader Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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

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.**

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 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. (Matthew 22:37-40)

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

Leader Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise

God With Us

1. You have come
To bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us
You have come
To bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus:
Our Deliverer, you are Savior
In your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our redemption
God with us, you are God with us

2. You have come
To be hope to this world for your honor and name
You have come
To take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Bridge:
You are here, you are holy
We are standing in your glory
(repeat)

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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, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.*

Collect for the Church

All **Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

The Lessons

During the scripture readings, listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. In the silences between readings, contemplate how God might be speaking through his Word.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our rebellions indeed are many,
 and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
 its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
 like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
 like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
 and we are called by your name;
 do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander;
 they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them;
 now he will remember their iniquity
 and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?
 Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
 so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace but find no good,
 for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
 the iniquity of our ancestors,
 for we have sinned against you.
Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
 do not dishonor your glorious throne;
 remember and do not break your covenant with us.

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often quoted. Several times throughout the year, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain,
or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading: First Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

As for us, brothers and sisters, when for a short time we were made orphans by being separated from you—in person, not in heart—we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, wanted to again and again—but Satan blocked our way. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? Yes, you are our glory and joy!

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens and sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labor had been in vain.

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

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

But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Gospel Procession (sung)

Please stand.

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you
Hallelu, Hallelu - jah!

After the gospel reading:

2. We shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God
Hallelu, Hallelu - jah!

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Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

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

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

*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

The Rev. David Griffin

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

The Nicene Creed

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.

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	Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
 People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
 Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
 People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
 Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
 People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
 Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
 People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
 Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
 People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
 Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

You are invited to add your prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Leader Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
 Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Leader Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *[silent confession]*
 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 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)

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

*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 on the
inside cover of the
bulletin to give online*

The Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)

1. It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed.
It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord
Will shine like the sun forevermore.
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

2. Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,
Do not let the dark steal your song.
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

Chorus:

*It's not long till the Day of the Lord,
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!
Everything that is broken will soon be restored.
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!*

3. Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,
For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.
And our God comes with laughter, let him be your joy.
The power of the sword, he'll destroy.
It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

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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 . . .

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

. . . 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)**

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 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.

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.

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.

Distribution of Communion

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise,
Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood.

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

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God the Spirit

1. Holy fount of inspiration
By whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation
Marvelous and manifold

Chorus:

*God the Spirit we adore thee
In the Triune Godhead one
One in love and power and glory
With the Father and the Son*

2. Author of the new creation,
Giver of the second birth
May thy ceaseless renovation
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth

3. When we wander Lord direct us,
Keep us in the Master's way
Let thy strong swift sword protect us
Warring in the evil day

4. Come, thy glorious gifts providing
Foretaste of the future now
Bring that sweet sense of abiding
Thou canst give and only thou

Bridge:

*Shall the church now faint or fear
When the Comforter is near? (repeat)*

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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
narthex. Prayer
continues after the
service until all who seek
prayer have received it.*

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 & Recessional

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.**

Bridge:

*Shall the church now faint or fear
When the Comforter is near? (repeat)*

Chorus:

*God the Spirit we adore thee
In the Triune Godhead one
One in love and power and glory
With the Father and the Son*

We receive a final blessing before the cross and clergy move to the rear door of the sanctuary, signaling our movement out into the world to live as Jesus taught us.

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

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