

EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome to Incarnation Anglican Church!
We are so glad you are worshipping with us today. Alleluia! Alleluia!

COVID Safety

Please maintain 6' between households and mask at all times. We encourage humming or quiet singing. Hand sanitizer is available; please practice good hand hygiene. Communion servers will wear gloves, and there will be no shared bread or cup. We will collect names and phone numbers of those who consent for contact tracing purposes.

Children

Kids are always warmly welcomed! Parents are responsible for their children at all times and in all places. The nursery is open inside for parents whose children need a quiet indoor space, but we will not have any nursery volunteers. Indoor restrooms are available; parents should accompany children to restrooms as other people may be in the building.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Leader says

People The Lord be with you:
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.**

Leader Surely the Lord is coming soon,
People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

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 **For ever three in One.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Leader says

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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

**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.**

The Priest says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Leader and People pray

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

WORSHIP IN SONG

All stand to sing. Children are invited forward. Ring bells!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say "Alleluia!"
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply "Alleluia!"

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Leader invites all to be seated and says

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

All: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER & SONG FOR OUR CHILDREN

Lord Jesus Come

1. Lord Jesus come,
Good Shepherd come,
The bread is on the table,
Lead me to you.

2. Lord Jesus come,
Good Shepherd come,
The wine is on the table,
Lead me to you.

THE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

At the conclusion of the lesson, the Reader says

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

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

The People read the verses in bold.

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
15 **The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous;**
the right hand of the Lord brings mighty things to pass.
16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord brings mighty things to pass.
17 **I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the Lord.
22 The same stone which the builders refused
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 **This is the Lord's doing,**
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

At the conclusion of the lesson, the Reader says

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

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

THE HOMILY

Witnesses

The Rev. Liz Gray

Silence. Then all stand to sing

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
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
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
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

HOLY BAPTISM

The Leader says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all

nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Lottie and Sophie are presented individually by their Sponsors, using full names as follows

I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Leader asks Lottie and Sophie the following, and they will each give a brief testimony

Leader Have you already been baptized?

Candidate **No.**

Leader Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

Then Marcus is presented by his Godparents and Parents, using full name as follows

I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Leader addresses the Godparents and Parents saying

Today, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that Marcus is taught, as soon as his able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Parents **I am, the Lord being my helper.**

The Leader then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Godparents and Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

The Leader prays over the Candidates, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Leader continues

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer **I do.**

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Leader then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation **We will.**

Leader Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I do.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People **I do.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader Let us now pray for these Candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

That these children may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That all these Candidates may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That they may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

The Leader now prays for the Candidates as follows

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Leader pours the water for Baptism.

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.**

The Leader continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Leader touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Leader says to the Sponsors

Name this Candidate.

Then the Leader pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Leader makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (and may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized and signed the Leader says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

All: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

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

The people exchange a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ramadan prayer guides available; details on the blog
- Sunday rain plan: hybrid Chapel-Zoom service; notification by 12pm Saturday
- Parish meeting April 18 immediately after the service
- We are hiring! Details at incarnationanglican.org/hiring
- Last day for our Holy Week offering for Partners-Myanmar: incarnationanglican.org/give or text "Burma" to 843-21

THE OFFERTORY

All stand to sing

Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts and voices heav'nward raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
Christ, who on the cross a victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life and life immortal,
On that holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
By this mighty enterprise,
We with Christ to life eternal
By his resurrection rise.

3. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following is said.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain standing.

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.**

The people are seated as the Leader continues

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king, for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

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 offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Leader continues

Almighty God, Owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on this bread and wine and on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

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 for the remembrance of me."

People **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

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 the remembrance of me."

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We are brothers and sisters through his blood

People **We have died together. We will rise together. We will live together.**

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.**

This is the feast of victory

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

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 for ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept. The Leader breaks the bread and says

Leader Christ is alive for ever.

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.**

The Leader introduces this Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All: O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am unable today to either eat the Bread or drink the Cup, I pray that you will unite me with all the baptized and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Leader says

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which were given for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Instructions

Please remain at your seat as the bread and wine are distributed. All who are baptized and following Jesus are welcome to partake: simply hold your hands out and an intincted wafer will be given to you. If for any reason you do not want to receive, simply cross your arms across your chest and the servers will pray a blessing over you.

The Lamb has Overcome

1. The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done and the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

2. No grave could hold him down
No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

Chorus:
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name (2x)

3. At God's right hand is he
At God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede
At God's right hand is he

4. The table now is spread
The table now is spread
This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

Chorus 4x

—Interlude—

5. The day is drawing near
The day is drawing near
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

Chorus 4x

6. The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done and the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

Leader Let us pray.

All: God Most High, we thank you for welcoming us, teaching us, and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work; grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.

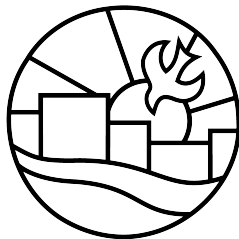
The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Communion Table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

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 prays this blessing

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Leader Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." Go forth in peace.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



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