



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

September 27th, 2009
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

Please silence cell phones

Greeting

Jared Witt

Liturgical
Definitions:

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Call to Worship

Lindsay Travis

Liturgy

Liturgy is an order for public worship including singing, reading of scripture, and the Eucharist. The word liturgy means "the work of the people". Worship is something we do, not something to watch.

Leader: We come to worship God in our need,

People: bringing with us the needs of the world.

Leader: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

People: and who knows by experience what human life is like.

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

Leader: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

People: and God has promised never to turn us away.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Hear, O lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Call to Worship

The call to worship directs our attention to God and prepares us to praise God. Many weeks, we may come to the service with worries or concerns. The call to worship allows us to focus our attention on the nature of God, helping us to be less self-centered. In worship, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in our lives.

Praise To The Lord

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him.

words: Joachim Neander, 17th century German tune

How Great Is Our God

Chorus:
How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

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
And trembles at His voice

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

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

written by: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, 2004 worshiptogether.com

Prayer of Confession

During the prayer of confession, you are invited to kneel, as a sign of humility.

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 and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Brent Storms

Prayer of Confession

...Reminds us that we are not better than others and that we are in need of grace. It strikes a blow against pride and humbles us before God as we are honest about our brokenness.

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Silent Confession**

Declaration of Grace

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Declaration of Grace

Confession of sin would bring only despair were it not for our knowledge of God's forgiveness and mercy. It is dangerous to dwell on ourselves and our sin if we do not also remember that God delights in forgiving us.

Greeting Each Other

Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

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.

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.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

words: John Wilbur Chapman, music: Roland Prichard

Prayer of Community Life

We bring before God our petitions and concerns, trusting in God's power to act in our lives, in our city, and in this world. We also pray, not just to get our way, but also to align our lives and desires with God's will.

Prayer of Community Life

Rhesa Storms

Scripture Reading

Mark Tenniswood

Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to the Lord, ‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said “I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.” Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’

The Lord said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ And Moses said to the Lord, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.’ Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’

And the Lord said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, ‘See there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

II Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Jared Witt

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name
Hosanna in the highest
In the name of the Lord
In the name of the Lord

written by Bill Blomquist, 2007 Blomquistian Music Ltd.

Eucharist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

All:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

Eucharist

One of the many terms for the Lord's Supper. It comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." Even as Jesus gave thanks when he instituted the Lord's Supper, so do we give thanks that in this holy meal our Lord gives us his body and blood for forgiveness and life.

Silence

Silence is increasingly rare in our culture. In worship, it is important to reflect, to enjoy God, to feel the weight of truth, and to focus on the presence of the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. As a prayer, the Lord's Prayer is similar to Jewish prayers. It begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

**As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen**

Leader: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We invite all believers who have been baptized to share in the Lord's Supper. You may come forward, and stand or kneel in front of the table as you receive the elements.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven (**Amen.**)
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation (**Amen.**)

Upon receiving communion, participants may make the Sign of the Cross ☩ as a mark of their faith in the redemptive work of Jesus.

Offering

Sweet Sweet Sound

Chorus:

Hear the song of my life

Let it be a sweet sweet sound *(repeat)*

I raise this anthem high

Let it be a sweet sweet sound *(repeat)*

I am an instrument of the living God

My life a melody to His name

More than the songs I sing

Worship is everything

I live to glorify my King

Through all the mire and clay

You're washing me with grace

You carry me oh Lord through it all

So I will testify even in the fire

I live to praise my Savior

Let everything that has breath

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

And all creation will sing

Offering

Where we give our money is often an indication of where our priorities lie. We give to God to further ministries throughout our neighborhood, city, and the world.

Hallelujah

Ed Cash & Sarah Reeves, 2009 Alletrap Music

Announcements

Jonathan Williams

Benediction

*...A blessing pronounced at the
conclusion of a worship service*

Benediction

Go now as those who have found favor in the sight of God.

Be imitators of Jesus Christ

and an example to all of the life of faith.

To the world in which you live, give your love and service,

and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;

And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

COMING UP:

After the service, join us for refreshments in the community room

Groups coming up:

- Book group tomorrow night at 7 in Sanford Hall (enter blue doors, on the second floor)
- Brew group Tuesday night at 7 in the community room

Incarnation is hosting a booth at the Upper West Side street fair on Oct 10. We need your help!
Sign up at the information table or email Jonathan.

Get involved at Incarnation! Talk to Jonathan, Jared or Rhessa to find out ways to serve: we need volunteers to set up/tear down, help with audio equipment (don't worry: we will train you!), web administration and help with the greeting and hospitality teams.

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