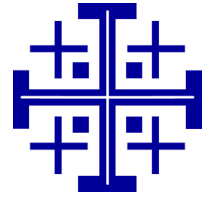




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021

## Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

**Prelude:** Trope in medieval style

Jean Langlais

**Opening Hymn 126:** “The people who in darkness walked ” verses 1, 3, and 5

*Dundee*

1 The people who in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light;  
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn  
who dwelt in death and night.

3 To us the promised Child is born,  
to us the Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
and all the hosts of heaven.

5 His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Collect for Purity

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*

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*S280 Gloria (found in The Hymnal 1982)*

Powell

*Glory to god in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,*

*you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.  
People: ***And also with you.***  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord  
Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

### **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
He 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**

After the words “Lord, in your mercy,”  
the congregation responds with “*Hear our prayer.*”

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

**Clergy:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
*People* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Solo:** “If God be for us, who can be against us?” *from* Messiah George Frideric Handel  
**Emily Riley**, soprano

If God be for us, who can be against us?”

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect?

It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.” (*Romans 8: 31, 33-34*)

## Blessing of the Offering

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer C

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

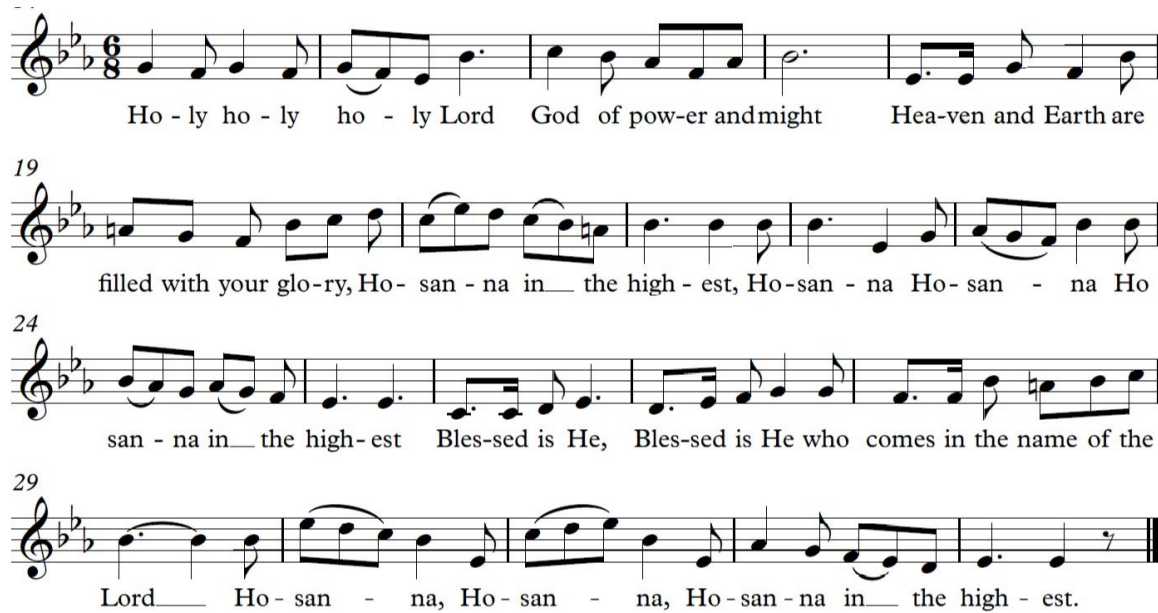
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*By his blood, he reconciled us.*  
*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are  
 19 filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho  
 24 san - na in the high- est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the  
 29 Lord Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

*The Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Given 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD


Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.***

*Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)*


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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: ***Faithful God,  
in the wonder of your wisdom and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.  
Though we cannot now consume  
these gifts of bread and wine together,  
we thank you that we have received Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we embody your love,  
be renewed for your service,  
and be reflections of the risen Lord.  
Amen.***



## Music during Communion

### Choir Anthem: "Alleluia"

Johann Kuhnau

Alleluia, alleluia, may God be praised,  
let us sing from the bottom of our hearts,  
for God has today  
created such joy  
that at no time  
should we ever forget it.

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage, to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn 488 "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Slane

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| 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;<br>all else be nought to me, save that thou art --<br>thou my best thought, by day or by night,<br>waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. | 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;<br>I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;<br>thou my great Father; thine own may I be;<br>thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee. |
| 3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,<br>may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!<br>Heart of my heart, whatever befall,<br>still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.           |   |

## The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude: Canzona

Domenico Zipoli

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*Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Kellogg and Dianne Lindsey  
by Dorothy Kellogg and David Lindsey*

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## SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

*Readers and Intercessor:* TBD; *Musicians:* Emily Riley, members of the Immanuel Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Audio-Visual:* John Bednar; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Sam Sheridan