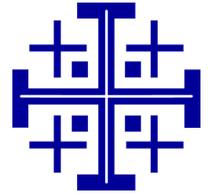




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

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

Prelude: Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin

Opening Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

*Bereden vag for Herran*

1 Prepare the way, O Zion;  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.  
*Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.*

2 He brings God's rule,  
O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, peace, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, f  
or grace and joy abounding.  
*Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.*

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him,  
their voices will adore him.  
*Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.*

### 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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Lord, have mercy,  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy.

or

Kyrie eleison.  
*Christe eleison.*  
Kyrie eleison.

## 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*

## **The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**The Children's Homily:** The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Sam Sheridan

**Virtual Choir Anthem:** "With a voice of singing"

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of His name,  
make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia!

## 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, have mercy,"  
the congregation responds with "Christ have mercy."

## 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 Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

### Welcome from the Rector

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Solo Hymn:** “Comfort ye my people” and “Every valley” (*from* “Messiah”) George Frederic Handel  
Allan Gervacio, tenor

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished,  
that her iniquity is pardoned.  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill made low,  
the crooked straight,  
and the rough places plain.

### Blessing of the Offering

#### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus* S-130 (*found at the beginning of* The Hymnal 1982)  
Allan Gervacio, tenor

Schubert

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 of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
***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* S-164 (found at the beginning of The Hymnal 1982)

Schubert

Allan Gervacio, tenor

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us,

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace; give us your peace.

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

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 awakened and risen Lord.  
Amen.*

### Music during Communion

Hymn 66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

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| 1 | Come, thou long expected Jesus<br>born to set Thy people free;<br>from our fears and sins release us,<br>let us find our rest in Thee. | 3 | Born thy people to deliver,<br>born a child, and yet a King,<br>born to reign in us forever,<br>now thy gracious kingdom bring.    |
| 2 | Israel's strength and consolation,<br>hope of all the earth thou art;<br>dear desire of every nation,<br>joy of every longing heart.   | 4 | By thine own eternal Spirit<br>rule in all our hearts alone;<br>by Thine all sufficient merit,<br>raise us to thy glorious throne. |

Hymn 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying" verses 1 and 3

Ascension

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| 1 | There's a voice in the wilderness crying,<br>a call from the ways untrod:<br>Prepare in the desert a highway,<br>a highway for our God!<br>The valleys shall be exalted,<br>the lofty hills brought low;<br>make straight all the crooked places,<br>where the Lord our God may go! | 3 | but the word of our God endureth,<br>the arm of the Lord is strong;<br>he stands in the midst of nations,<br>and he will right the wrong.<br>He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,<br>the lambs he'll gently hold;<br>to pastures of peace he'll lead them,<br>and bring them safe to his fold. |
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## 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 Anthem Hymn 76: “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” verses 1,2, and 5

*Winchester New*

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| 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry<br>announces that the Lord is nigh;<br>awake and hearken, for he brings<br>glad tidings of the King of kings. | 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;<br>make straight the way for God within,<br>and let each heart prepare a home<br>where such a mighty guest may come. |
| 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,<br>whose advent doth thy people free;<br>whom with the Father we adore<br>and Holy Spirit evermore.            |  |

## The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Von Himmel Hoch

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Readers:* Rosi Urbine, Tom Hewson; *Intercessor:* Keith June;  
*Musicians:* Allan Gervacio, Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Audio-Visual:* John Bednar;  
*Celebrant:* The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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