



**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Episcopal/Anglican**  
**Alexandria, Virginia**



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**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 16, 2018**

**Lessons and Carols for Advent and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.**  
**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.*

*Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.*

*A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building (to the right as you face the organ);  
restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.*

*In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked to remain as quiet as possible.*

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**Prelude:**

The Immanuel Handbell Choir

O come, O come Emmanuel	<i>Processionale</i> , 15th Century	adapt. Thomas Helmore
Let all mortal flesh keep silence	17th Century French Carol	Gerard Moultrie
In the bleak mid-winter		Gustav Theodore Holst

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**READER:** Today we light the third candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This candle symbolizes Joy. *The candle is lit.*

**READER:** From Isaiah 55:12 – You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

**PRAYER:** Together let us pray: *Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.*

**Processional Hymn 56** “O come, O come Emmanuel”

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

Verse 1: All  
Verse 2: Men  
Verse 3: Women  
Verse 4: Men  
Verse 8: All

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**A Bidding Prayer**

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within the city of Alexandria. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayer and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

**First Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25**

Read by Corinne Cowan

*Adam and Eve Created*

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up -- for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground -- then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

The Word of the Lord

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

*The People Sin Against God*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?”’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ And to the man he said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, “You shall not eat of it”, cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever’

The Word of the Lord

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

**Choir Anthem:**      *Adam lay ybounden*

arr. Loeppky

*Deo gracias! Deo gracias!* (Refrain)  
 Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond  
 Four thousand winter, thought he not too long  
*Deo gracias! Deo gracias!*  
 And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
 As clerkes finden written in their book,  
*Deo gracias! Deo gracias!*  
 Blessed be the time that apple taken was  
 Therefore we moun singen,  
*Deo gracias! Deo gracias!*  
 Therefore we moun singen.  
*Deo gracias! Deo gracias!*

*God's People are Comforted*

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 forever. 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.*

**Hymn 67** "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

*Psalm 42*

**Fourth Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9a**

Read by Jackie Phillips

*O That You Would Tear Open the Heavens*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence -- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** "And I saw a new heaven" Text: Revelation 21:1-2, 4

Malcolm Archer

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth were passed away; And there was no more sea, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, for the former things are passed away.

*People Look East, Salvation Is At Hand*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 72** "Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes"

*Richmond*

**Sixth Reading: Micah 5:2-4**

Read by Myrtle Alexander

*The Ruler from Bethlehem*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem: "In my Father's House"** Text from John 14

Stopford

In my Father's house are many dwellings,  
 And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself,  
 So that where I am, you may also be,  
 Do not let your hearts be troubled, you have faith in God  
 Believe also in me, in my Father's house are many dwelling places.  
 If there were not, would I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you?  
 Where I am going you know the way, for I am the way, the truth and the life,  
 No one comes to the Father except through me; If you know me, you also know my  
 Father; My spirit will be with you always.  
 The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth will remind you of all I have said,  
 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, do not let your hearts be troubled  
 Do not be afraid. I have told you I will come back to you; have faith in me  
 In my Father's house are many dwellings,  
 And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself,  
 So that where I am, you may also be, in my Father's house.

*The Angel Gabriel comes to Mary*

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

The Word of the Lord

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem** "Magnificat"

Emily Riley, Soprano

CV Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior  
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
 For behold from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed,  
 For He that is mighty hath magnified me: And holy is His Name.  
 And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.  
 He hath shewed strength with his arm,  
 He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 And hath exulted the humble and meek  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things.  
 And the rich He hath sent empty away.  
 He hath holpen his servant Israel as He promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed forever,  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end, Amen

**The Peace****Welcome and Announcements**

*The loose plate offering will go to the Christmas Families program to be used to buy gifts for the additional families not "adopted" by parishioners. Please make checks payable to Immanuel, marked "Christmas Families".*

*As the gifts from the offering are brought forward, gifts given by parishioners for those in the Christmas Families program will also be presented at the Altar.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory Anthem** And the glory of the Lord *from* Messiah

GF Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

**Hymn 54** “Savior of the nations, come!”

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

*Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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*

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

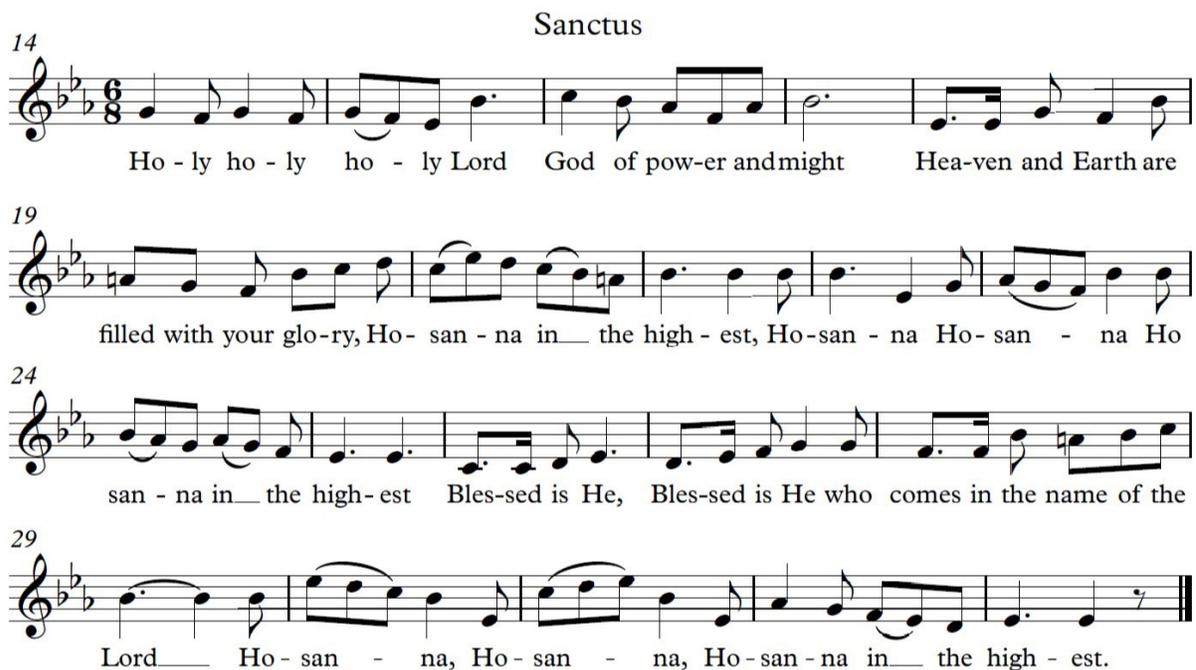
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus*

*from “A Mass for Immanuel”  
(Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you are able.)*

Jane Tavernier

Sanctus



14  
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.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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

*Agnus Dei*

from "A Mass for Immanuel"

Jane Tavernier

### Agnus Dei

34

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

46

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

57

Have mer - cy Have mer - cy Have mer - cy u pon us.

*All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy*

**Communion Anthem:** Dostoino yest from The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Rachmaninoff

It is well-deserved to bless you in truth, Holy Virgin, ever-blessed and immaculate, mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious than the seraphim, without defilement, born of God's word, truly Holy Virgin, we magnify you.

### Music during Communion

Hymn 265 "The angel Gabriel, from heaven came"

*Gabriel's Message*

Hymn 53 "Once He came in blessing" (if needed)

*Gohes Sohn ist kommen*

### Post Communion Prayer

**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

**Recessional Hymn** "Blest be the King whose coming"  
( See pages 10-11 of this bulletin)

*Valet will ich dir geben*

**Postlude:** Noel

Daqin

*Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing,  
are offered at the icon following the Postlude.*

## A Brief History of LESSONS AND CAROLS

The service of Lessons and Carols as we know it is a relatively recent development in the Christian liturgical tradition. It dates to December 1918, at King's College, Cambridge, in the days immediately following the end of World War I. The Rev. Eric Milner-White, Dean of the College and a British army chaplain who had served troops on the front lines, developed the liturgy as an opportunity to remember God's great promises, even in the midst of so much suffering and untold devastation. The lessons speak of God's great plan of salvation as the prophets of Israel articulated it and as it became realized in the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether focused upon the waiting and promises of Advent (as we experience today) or on the promise realized in the Christmas season, the service of Lessons and Carols has become a beloved Anglican tradition experienced by millions around the world.

## GAUDETE SUNDAY

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete*, which means "rejoice." It is the first word in the proper Introit for the third Sunday of Advent, from the Roman missal. It is often symbolized by a pink or rose color, hence the traditional pink candle in Advent wreaths. The readings for this day are characterized by joy and expectancy, as we look towards the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE 2018

### 2018

December 19	6:00 p.m.	Advent Service of Healing and Hope	Zabriskie Chapel
December 23	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (for The Christ Child) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, International Anglican Congregation	Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant	Immanuel Chapel
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Choral Prelude	Immanuel Chapel
	10:30 p.m.	Christmas Holy Eucharist	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 30	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel

### 2019

January 6	8:00 a.m.	Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II International Anglican Congregation	Zabriskie Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	First Sunday of the New Year Potluck Dinner Party <i>Hosted by the International Anglican Congregation</i>	Zabriskie Parish Hall

# Advent

## Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Acolytes:* Andrew Alexander, Elise Lein; *Crucifer:* Peter Alexander; *Altar Guild:* Matthew Haskin; *Flower Delivery:* Susan Kernan; *Flower Guild:* Karen Besser; *Readers:* Corinne Cowan, William Alexander, Rick Glassco, Jackie Phillips, Katherine Maas, Myrtle Alexander, Doug Onley; *Chalice:* Harrison Clark; *Ushers:* Marilyn Wilson, David Lindsey; *Coffee Host:* Ceila Ochs; *Assistant Conductor:* Denise Freeland; *Musician:* Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Vestry Greeter:* Chandley McDonald; *Vestry Counter:* Janice Corbett; *Audio Visual:* Katherine Maas; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker.

**More Pageant Participants Needed – Choose *Your* Role!**

We need more people in this year's Christmas Pageant, held at 5:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to join in the fun by emailing the **Rev. John Hogg** ([jhogg@icoh.net](mailto:jhogg@icoh.net)) as soon as possible with your preferred choice of role(s).

Thank you to those who have already signed up! The roles that currently still need to be filled include:

**SPEAKING ROLES**

1. Wisemen
2. King Herod
3. Prophets
4. Elizabeth
5. Roman Soldiers
6. Inn Keepers

**NON-SPEAKING – AGES 3 TO 103**

7. Angels
8. Sheep
9. Shepherds

Our first rehearsal will be **this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Immanuel Chapel**, This will be a short run through only for those with speaking parts.

Thank you for helping to make this year's pageant a success!



**FESTIVE FAMILY NIGHT AND SUNDAY SCHOOL** TONIGHT, from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. in the Zabriskie Parish Hall. All families are invited to join us for what is always a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun. This is a quasi-potluck dinner. You are welcome, but not required to bring any additional dishes or beverages.

In addition, the Sunday School will be a special celebration of the season as we enter into our winter break. All are welcome and the nursery will be opened and staffed for our youngest parishioners.