



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

March 2, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m. Youth-Led Sunday

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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.

Prelude: How great thou art

Carl Gustav Boberg

Processional Hymn 686: “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Nettleton

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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Gloria S280 “Gloria in excelsis”

found in the front of The Hymnal 1982

Robert Powell

The Collect for the Day

O God, who on the holy Mount revealed your wonderfully transfigured Son to his chosen witnesses, and inspired The Rev. Dr. Edmund Woodward a century ago to build the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration at Shrine Mont – a sacred place where all are welcome to bask in God’s love: Grant that those who visit this place may find peace, your presence, and the inspiration to return to our communities as your disciples bringing hope and reconciling love to a world desperate for your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but

whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to

falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: "They'll know we are Christians by our love"

St. Brendan's



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People - as Prayed at Shrine Mont Camps

*In our lives Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In our lives Lord, be glorified, today.*

*At Shrine Mont Lord, be glorified, be glorified
At Shrine Mont Lord, be glorified, today.*

Lord, on this day we remember our beloved mountain dedicated to you, Shrine Mont, the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, and all the Camp Ministries that gather there. We gather there to draw closer to you. We gather there for solace and strength. We gather there to learn and grow. We gather there to re-create ourselves in your image, learning to treat others as we would have them treat us.

Loving God, *Draw us all closer to you.*

We pray for your Church scattered, seeking, suffering, and serving around this world you love so much. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. Give them the strength of your mind, the courage of your heart, and the humility you modeled as they proclaim your Gospel in deed and word.

Loving God, *Draw us all closer to you.*

We pray for this nation, and its leaders. Help us walk in the way of justice and truth. Heal our divisions, and may we see the least amongst us through your loving gaze. Help us welcome the stranger as sister, brother and sibling, the forgotten as family, and the wretched as the long-lost coming home.

Loving God, *Draw us all closer to you.*

We pray for the welfare of the world. We wish the whole world had a Shrine Mont, a place apart from the struggles, burdens, and worries of this world. We all long for a place of abundance like Shrine Mont Camps where all are welcomed, accepted and loved. Thank you for the visionary leaders who made this place possible, and the leaders who are called to minister through all the camp sessions who gather. We lift up those who serve campers: the counselors and staff, the nurses, chaplains, and leadership, all those who will work to serve campers in so many ways. Loving God, *Draw us all closer to you.*

We pray for those who need our special attention because of pain, or want, or worry. Show us ways to love them and respond to their needs as you would have us do. Today we remember especially: Aggie, Ann, Catherine, Cynthia D., Cynthia M., Cy, David, Gary, MeiLung, Gordon, James, Jim, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty, Lynn, Marcus, Margaret, Nancy, Natalie, Norma, Rollin, and Wendy. Loving God, *Draw us all closer to you.*

We pray for those who have departed, who are beyond our reach. We entrust them into your loving hands, receiving from you wholeness and completion beyond our imaginings. We remember especially Joyce Dimisa, sister of Joan Raybold. Loving God, *Draw us all closer to you.*

*In this Church Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In this Church Lord, be glorified, today.*

*The Celebrant offers a concluding collect
Response: Amen.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

*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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "Down to the river to pray"

African-American Spiritual

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

*As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.*

*As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way. Chorus*

*O, sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O, sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray. Chorus*

*O, brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on, brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray. Chorus*

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

Old 100th

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

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Have mercy Have mercy Have mercy upon us.

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

We will receive at standing stations.

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: "Alleluia"

Johann Kuhnau

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Alleluia, alleluia, may God be praised.

Communion Hymn 711: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" found in The Hymnal 1982 Seek Ye First

Sung if needed

Hymn 810: "Eagle's Wings" You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

found in the hymnal Wonder, Love, and Praise

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

Closing Hymn 12: "We're marching to Zion"

Come, We That Love the Lord

found in the hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Psalm 21

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Musicians:	Dr. Jane Tavernier, (organ and piano); The Immanuel Choir; Thomas Cuddy (guitar), Doug John (guitar), and Paul Smyth (guitar).
Altar Guild:	Matt Haskin
Adult Ushers:	Tom Kerns, Darrell Wilson
Flower Guild:	Karen Besser
Vestry Greeter/Counter:	Peter Kent
Audio-Visual:	Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas
Coffee Hour Host:	Carrie Cuddy
Celebrant:	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander