



**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
**Episcopal/Anglican**  
**Alexandria, Virginia**



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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 22, 2019**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism, 10:30 a.m.**

*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:** Von Himmel hoch da komm'ich her

J.S. Bach

**Processional Hymn 66** "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***  
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;  
People: ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***  
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People: ***One God and Father of all.***  
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: ***And also with you.***  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

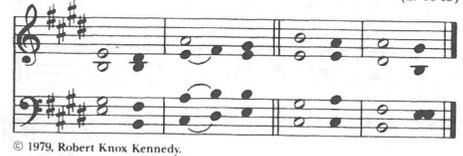
**The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord

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

*Silence*



**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel***

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**The Epistle: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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

**Hymn 260:** "Come now, and praise the humble saint"

*Tallis' Ordinal*

**The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

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*Candidate for Holy Baptism*

*Isla Sloane Martin*

*Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Lindsey Martin*

**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem** "God of the watching ones"

Lyrics: Herb Frombach

Lee Dengler

God of the watching ones, the waiting ones,  
The slow and the suffering ones,  
the Angels in heaven, the child in the womb,  
Grant us your healing peace, your gift of love,  
the hope of eternal life, the flower of Jesse,  
the rose yet to bloom.

Come, long expected One,  
Come promised One,  
Messiah, Come anointed One.  
Come Love's son from heaven,  
divine incarnation,  
God's great mystery.  
Come set us free, set us free.

We are the watching ones, waiting in the night for  
shadows to vanish, revealing wondrous light  
We are the hopeful ones, longing to see the Savior,  
the Son of Man who comes to set us free.

## The Doxology

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*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 D

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*Sanctus S130 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Schubert

## The Lord's Prayer

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## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Agnus Dei S164 (found in front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Schubert

*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.*

*For those who are interested in being baptized, please see a member of the clergy.*

## Communion Anthem: "Dixit Maria"

Hans Leo Hassler

Mary said to the Angel: *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,  
let it be done to me, according to your word.*

## Music during Communion

Hymn 54 "Savior of the nations, come!"

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Hymn 13 "My Lord, what a morning" (*found in the hymnal* Lift Every Voice and Sing)

*Negro Spiritual*

## 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***

## Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (*if needed*):

Celebrant: We now send you forth to carry Communion to those in need.

People: ***May our hands carry Christ's love into the world.***

## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 56** "O Come, O come, Emmanuel" verses 1,3,7, and 8

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

## The Dismissal

**Postlude:** The Angel Gabriel

*Traditional tune*

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Lindsey Martin  
in celebration of the Baptism of their daughter, Isla Sloane Martin.*

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Acolytes:* Addie Biache, Sophia Johnson, Rachel Wilson; *Altar Guild:* Sudie McGahuey; *Chalices:* Ted Sullivan, Rosie Urbine; *Flower Guild:* Candy Levin; *Readers:* Sophia Ring, Doug Henry; *Ushers:* Connie Kurz, Jim Kurz; *Musician:* Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Coffee Host:* Carrie Cuddy; *Vestry Greeter:* Jamie Conrad; *Vestry Counter:* Karen Besser; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander.