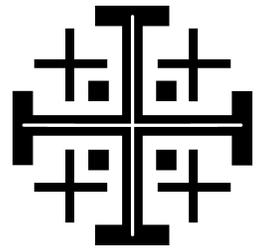




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 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.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

READER: "From John 13:34 – Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

PRAYER: Together let us pray: *Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.*"

Prelude:

Processional Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

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Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Trisagion (S102, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Archangelsky

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: Micah 5:2-5a

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; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Silence

Gradual Hymn 66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

After the Intercessor says "Lord of light,"
the congregation responds "*Hear our prayer.*"

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Mary, did you know" Dorothy Kellogg, soprano

Mark Lowry,
Buddy Greene

Mary did you know..... that your baby boy, will one day walk on water?
Mary did you know..... that your baby boy, will save our sons and daughters?
Mary did you know..... that your baby boy, has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you
Mary did you know..... that your baby boy, will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know..... that your baby boy, will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angles trod?
And when you kiss your little baby you have kissed the face of God
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,
The lamp will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb
Mary did you know..... that your baby boy is lord of all creation?
Mary did you know..... that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know.....that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM.

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 D

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Sanctus (Please see top of next page)

Jane Tavernier

(Please stand, kneel or sit, as you are able.)

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei (Please see middle of next page)

Jane Tavernier

*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.*

Sanctus

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 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

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 Lord Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Agnus Dei

34

 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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Music during Communion

Hymn 53 “Once he came in blessing.”
 Hymn 324 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Gottes Sohn ist Kommen
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Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 436 “Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates”

Truro

The Dismissal

Postlude: Savior of the nations come

J.S. Bach

Serving at this Eucharist: *Acolytes:* Andrew Alexander, Rachel Wilson; *Crucifer:* Peter Alexander; *Altar Guild:* Sudie McGahuey; *Chalice:* Karen Besser, Roz Kerns; *Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild; *Readers:* Nicky Vassev, Isabella Vassev; *Intercessor:* Mary Ann Rehnke; *Ushers:* Stewart Skubel, Teresa Skubel, Marilynn Wilson; *Coffee Host:* Sudie McGahuey; *Musician:* Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Audio-Visual:* Katherine Maas; *Vestry Greeter:* Jim Clausen; *Vestry Counter:* Jamie Conrad; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander.