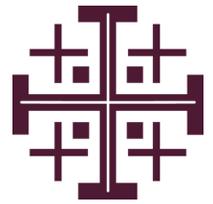




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

### Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:15 a.m.

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

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

*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:** Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Brahms

**Processional Hymn 57** “Lo! He comes with clouds descending”

Helmsley

**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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*Kyrie eleison (S96, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Schubert

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence*

**Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum***

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

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Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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### The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn 61: “ ‘Sleepers, wake!’ A voice astounds us”

*Wachet auf*

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People:**

After the Intercessor says: "Let us all pray together,"  
the congregation responds: "*Come, Lord Jesus.*"

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem:** "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
of Jesse's lineage coming  
as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
amid the cold of winter  
when half-gone was the night.

The Shepherds heard the story  
proclaimed by angels bright,  
how Christ, the Lord of glory  
was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped and in  
the manger found Him,  
as angel heralds said.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
she bore to men a Savior  
when half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor  
the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
from sin and death He saves us  
and lightens every load.

**The Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 1**

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*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 A**

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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 the 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 Solo:** “Comfort ye” and “Every Valley” from Messiah

Allan Gervacio, tenor G. F. Handel

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.

**Music during Communion**

Hymn 454 “Jesus came, adored by angels”

*Lowry*

Hymn 53 “Once he came in blessing”

*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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*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 68** “Rejoice, rejoice, believers”

*Llangloffen*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (English translation: “Savior of the nations, come”)

J.S. Bach

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Acolyte:* Caroline Page; *Altar Guild:* Brooke Roberts; *Flower Guild:* Candy Levin; *Readers:* Paul Lartey, Martha Shimkin; *Intercessor:* Barbara Fornoff; *Chalices:* Karen Besser, C. Kerry Kelly Wade; *Ushers:* Bryant Mitchell, Madeleine Mitchell; *Coffee Host:* Paul Lartey; *Flower Delivery:* Madeleine Mitchell; *Musician:* Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Vestry Greeter:* Mark Fearer; *Vestry Counter:* Martha Shimkin; *Audio-Visual:* Matthew Haskin; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander