



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



CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2018

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 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.

Prelude: Von Himmel hoch

Walther

Processional Hymn 87 "Hark! The herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

THE WORD OF GOD

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.*

Hymn of Praise 91 "Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light"

Ermuntre dich

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 82 “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Divinum Mysterium

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. John E. Hogg

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

After the Intercessor says “Lord of all creation,”
the congregation responds “*Come and dwell among us.*”

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 78 “O little town of Bethlehem”

Forest Green

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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

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.

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.

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Music during Communion

Hymn 84 "Love came down at Christmas"
 Hymn 107 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

Gartan
In Dulci Jubilo

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 100 "Joy to the world! The Lord is come"

Antioch

The Dismissal

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach



Serving at this Eucharist: *Acolytes:* Sydney Onley, Francine Wargo; *Crucifer:* Corey Wargo-Bergmark; *Altar Guild:* Susan Gildersleeve; *Chalice:* Kerry Wade; *Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild; *Readers:* Gordon Johnson, C. Kerry Kelly Wade; *Intercessor:* Katherine Maas; *Usher:* Marilynn Wilson; *Musician:* Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Vestry Counter:* Chandley McDonald; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander.