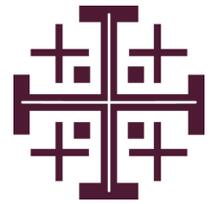




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9:00 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 lower level of Zabriskie Chapel.

In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked to remain as quiet as possible.

Prelude: Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin

Processional Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

The Sermon: Ms. Beth Hendrix, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

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: "The Promise"

Russell Nagy

Darkness takes flight, the Light is welling,
Prophets foretell the One to come.
In virgin womb the Sign is swelling,
Immanuel and holy One.
***Come! Come! Hope of all nations;
Come! Come! Holy One!
Come! Come! Horn of salvation,
One! One! Holy One!
Come for your people on earth.***

Rod from the root of Jesse
taken Pillar of flame, our daily guide.
Lamb that bides silent and forsaken,
Ram that the Father's hand provides.
Refrain.

Silently by night, In mortal flesh enshrouded,
He who framed the mountains draws first breath.
Far from human sight,
The Promise ne'er forgotten,
Is in love begotten, to conquer death.

Silently by night, In mortal flesh enshrouded.
He who framed the mountains draw first breath.
Far from human sight,
The Promise ne'er forgotten,
Is in love begotten, Son and Savior, King!

Born for a world in sin and darkness,
Jesus foretells the wrath to come.
Days of distress, yet He has promised,
"Be not afraid, for I will come."
Refrain. Come!

The Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 1

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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 A

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

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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 Hymn 686: "Come, thou fount of every blessing"
found in The Hymnal 1982

Vasili Vafis, baritone

Nettleton

Music during Communion

Hymn 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

Ascension

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 534 "God is working his purpose out" **verses 1 and 4**

Purpose

The Dismissal

Postlude: Rigaudon

André Campra

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: **Acolytes:** Peter Alexander, Corinne Cowan; **Altar Guild:** Sudie McGahuey; **Flower Guild:** The Immanuel Flower Guild; **Readers:** Debbie Hewson, Isabelle Young-Smith; **Intercessor:** Jeannie Cummins Eisenhour; **Chalices:** Ted Sullivan, Rosi Urbine; **Ushers:** Kathy Conrad, Kevin Wensing; **Coffee Host:** Laura Snow; **Godly Play:** Linda Serabian, Carrie Cuddy; **Musician:** Dr. Jane Tavernier; **Vestry Greeter:** Keith June; **Vestry Counter:** Jim Clausen; **Celebrant:** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander