



ADVENT SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

with HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Zabriskie Chapel

3606 Seminary Road/ Alexandria, VA



December 19, 2018

6:00p.m.

Opening Hymn 56 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs. 1-2; 7-8)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Welcome

Celebrant: Welcome to this Advent Service of Healing and Hope, a time when we can, with others, acknowledge the feelings we may have at Christmas time, recognize the reasons for them, and offer them to God. In this service, we will reflect on this time in our lives, recognizing that this is not a season of joy for everyone. We invite you to reflect on any pain, loss, or troubles you or someone close to you may face and offer them to God for healing and transformation. We pray that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Always remember that God knows your pain and loves you unconditionally.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand.

Celebrant: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: ***The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth, and we have seen his glory.***

Celebrant: In him is life, and that life is the light of all.

People: ***The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to extinguish it.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of mercy, hear our prayer in this Advent season for ourselves and for our families and friends who live with the struggles of illness and the pain of loss. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow, and peace for the past. We ask these things in the name of Christ, who shares our life in joy and sorrow, death and new birth, despair and promise. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 10:12–19 *Ut quid, Domine?*

- 12 Rise up, O Lord;
lift up your hand, O God; *
do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why should the wicked revile God? *
why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?
- 14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; *
you see it and take it into your own hand.
- 15 The helpless commit themselves to you, *
for you are the helper of orphans.
- 16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; *
search out their wickedness until you find none.
- 17 The Lord is King for ever and ever; *
the ungodly shall perish from his land.
- 18 The Lord will hear the desire of the humble; *
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;
- 19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, *
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

Sequence Hymn 82 "Of the Father's love begotten"

Divinum Mysterium

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17: 1-6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

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

Please be seated.

The Homily: The Rev. Deacon Stephen Crippen

There will be a time for silence and reflection.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND HEALING PRAYERS

You are invited to come forward and light a candle for yourself and/or for someone you love. If you desire, you may also receive healing prayers and anointing with oil. You may also choose to remain seated during this time.



Intercessions

Leader: In the spirit of this season, let us now ask our God for what we need and for what those around us may need. In response to the words, “Loving God, hear our prayer,” you are invited to respond with “And in your mercy, answer.”

God, we come to you as Christmas dawns with a variety of emotions. As the nights have been growing longer, so has the darkness wrapped itself around our hearts. In this season of our longest nights, we offer to you the pain in our hearts, the troubles that some of us cannot put into words. Loving God, hear our prayer.

People: ***And in your mercy, answer.***

Leader: Compassionate God, there are those among us who are grieving over what might have been. A death or loss has changed our experience of Christmas. Once it was a special day for us, too, but someone has died or moved away. Or we have lost a job, or a cause. We find ourselves adrift, alone, lost. Lord, help us to find our way. Loving God, hear our prayer,

People: ***And in your mercy, answer.***

Leader: I invite you to offer your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 67 “Comfort, comfort ye my people” Psalm 42

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) p. 367

The Lord’s Prayer p. 364

Post Communion Prayer p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 662 “Abide with me” *Eventide*

The Dismissal

Musician: Dr. Jane Tavernier **Homilist:** The Rev. Deacon Stephen Crippen

Celebrant: The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

Please join us for a reception in the Narthex immediately following this service.

SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE 2018

2018

	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (for The Christ Child) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, International Anglican Congregation	Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant	Immanuel Chapel
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Choral Prelude	Immanuel Chapel
	10:30 p.m.	Christmas Holy Eucharist	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 30	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel

2019

January 6	8:00 a.m.	Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II International Anglican Congregation	Zabriskie Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	First Sunday of the New Year Potluck Dinner Party <i>Hosted by the International Anglican Congregation</i>	Zabriskie Parish Hall