



**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
Episcopal/Anglican  
Alexandria, Virginia



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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 12, 2021**

**Lessons and Carols for Advent and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.**

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

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

*With the exception of infants and toddlers, all are requested to wear a face mask for the entirety of the service.*

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Greeting and Invitation to Intentional Silence

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

READER: Today we light the third candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This candle is JOY”.

*The candle is lit.*

READER: “From Isaiah 55:12 – You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

PRAYER: “Together let us pray: *Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.*”

*(from The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski)*

**Processional Hymn 56** “O come, O come Emmanuel”

verses 1,2,3, and 7

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

1 (All) O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

3 (Women) O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2 (Men) O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

7 (All) O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all humankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**A Bidding Prayer**

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within the city of Alexandria. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

**First Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6, 9 , 22-26**

read by Dorothy Kellogg

*A New Heaven and a New Earth*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day -- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** "Never, weather beaten sail"

Text: Thomas Campion

Charles Wood

Never weather-beaten sail  
More willing bent to shore,  
Never tired pilgrims limbs  
Affected slumber more,  
Than my weary sprite now longs  
To fly out of my troubled breast:  
Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly sweetest Lord,  
And take my soul to rest!

Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly sweetest Lord,  
And take my soul to rest!  
Ever blooming are the joys  
Of heav'ns high paradise,  
Cold age deafs not there our ears  
Nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines;  
Whose beams the blessed only see:

Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly glorious Lord,  
And raise my sprite to Thee!  
Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly,  
Oh come quickly glorious Lord,  
And raise my sprite to Thee!

*Covenant with Abraham*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 401:** “The God of Abraham praise”

*Leoni*

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| <p>1 The God of Abraham praise,<br/>who reigns enthroned above;<br/>Ancient of everlasting days,<br/>and God of love;<br/>the Lord, the great I AM,<br/>by earth and heaven confessed:<br/>we bow and bless the sacred Name<br/>for ever blest.</p> | <p>5 The whole triumphant host<br/>give thanks to God on high;<br/>“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”<br/>they ever cry;<br/>hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!<br/>With heaven our songs we raise;<br/>all might and majesty are thine,<br/>and endless praise.</p> |
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**Third Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11**

read by David Lindsey

*A Voice Cries Out in the Wilderness*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 75:** “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”

*Ascension*

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| <p>1 There’s a voice in the wilderness crying,<br/>a call from the ways untrod:<br/>Prepare in the desert a highway,<br/>a highway for our God!<br/>The valleys shall be exalted,<br/>the lofty hills brought low;<br/>make straight all the crooked places,<br/>where the Lord our God may go!</p> | <p>3 But the word of our God endureth,<br/>the arm of the Lord is strong;<br/>he stands in the midst of nations,<br/>and he will right the wrong.<br/>He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,<br/>the lambs he’ll gently hold;<br/>to pastures of peace he’ll lead them,<br/>and bring them safe to his fold.</p> |
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*A Covenant Written on Their Hearts*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt -- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** "Light beyond shadow"

Text: Paul Wigmore

Dan Forrest

Light beyond shadow,  
Joy beyond tears,  
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;  
deeper the Peace when the storm is around,  
nearer the Hope to the lost who is found.

Light of the world, ever shining, shining!  
Hope in our pain and our dying.  
in our darkness, there is Light,  
in our crying, there is Love,  
in the noise of life imparting  
Peace that passes understanding.

Light beyond shadow,  
Joy beyond tears,  
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;  
deeper the Peace when the storm is around,  
nearer the Hope to the lost who is found.

**Fifth Reading: Baruch 4:36-5:9**

read by Linda Serabian

*People Look East, Salvation Is At Hand*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem,  
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.  
Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;  
they are coming, gathered from east and west,  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing in the glory of God.  
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.  
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.  
For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
 look toward the east,  
 and see your children gathered from west and east  
 at the word of the Holy One,  
 rejoicing that God has remembered them.  
 For they went out from you on foot,  
 led away by their enemies;  
 but God will bring them back to you,  
 carried in glory, as on a royal throne.  
 For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
 and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
 so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.  
 The woods and every fragrant tree  
 have shaded Israel at God's command.  
 For God will lead Israel with joy,  
 in the light of his glory,  
 with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord  
 Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 724:** "People look East. The Time is Near" *from the hymnal Wonder, Love, and Praise Besançon Carol*

- 1 People look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
 Make your house fair as you are able, trim the heart and set the table.  
 People, look East and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.
  
- 5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to each.  
 Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
 People, look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

**Sixth Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9**

read by Keith June

*A Shoot From Jesse, a Spirit of Wisdom and Peace*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
 the spirit of counsel and might,  
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
 or decide by what his ears hear;  
 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
 he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
 The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
 and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord  
*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem: "A Tender Shoot"**

Text: William Bartholomew

Otto Goldschmidt

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

**Seventh Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

read by Rosi Urbine

*Rejoice Israel, the King is in Your Midst*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

The Word of the Lord  
*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem: “ E’en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”**

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be  
sing Holy, Holy to our Lord  
The Lord, Almighty God  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon  
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!

**Eighth Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25**

read by John Bednar

*God Promises a New Heaven and a New Earth*

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!



They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord  
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** “Non, nobis Domine”

Text: Psalm 115: 1

Dan Forrest

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomine tuo da gloriam”, is the well-known Latin translation of Psalm 115:1: “*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but to your name be the glory.*”

**Ninth Reading: Luke 1:26-56**

read by The Rev. Shawn Rutledge and Susan Gilbertson

*Annunciation, Magnificat*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Word of the Lord  
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 265:** "The Angel Gabriel"

*from* The Hymnal 1982

*Gabriel's Message*

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

2 "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

**The Homily:** The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke

### The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*



### EFM Graduation:

#### PROGRAM GRADUATES:

Susan Gilbertson  
Keith June  
Dorothy Kellogg  
David Lindsey  
Katherine Maas  
Linda Serabian  
C. Kerry Kelly Wade

### Welcome

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory:** "And the glory of the Lord"

*from* Messiah

George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it  
together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

**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 A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus S130*

*(from the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Franz Peter Schubert

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

***Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen***

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God

*Agnus Dei S164*

*(found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Franz Peter Schubert

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**The String Quartet: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”**

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Timothy Kidder**, violin  
**Slavica Ilic**, violin  
**Laura Ibrahim**, viola  
**Samuel Runolfson**, cello

**Hymn 72:** “Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes”

verses 1,2 and 4

*Richmond*

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| 1 Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes,<br>the Savior promised long:<br>let every heart prepare a throne,<br>and every voice a song. | 2 He comes, the prisoners to release<br>in Satan's bondage held;<br>the gates of brass before him burst,<br>the iron fetters yield. |
| 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,<br>thy welcome shall proclaim;<br>and heaven's eternal arches ring<br>with thy beloved Name.     |   |

**Post Communion Prayer**

*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 Advent Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 74** “Blest be the King whose coming”

*Valet will ich dir geben*

- 1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!
- 2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;  
pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed  
the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.
- 3 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.  
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,  
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!
- 4 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,  
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by the EFM Class of 2021 in appreciation of Sudie McGahuey for her patient, insightful, and loving mentorship.*

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**All are invited to the Parlor immediately after this service for Coffee Hour and a 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Betty Wanamaker.**

**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Crucifer:* David Stayanoff; *Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild; *Readers:* Dorothy Kellogg, C. Kerry Kelly Wade, David Lindsey, Katherine Maas, Linda Serabian, Keith June, Rosi Urbine, John Bednar, The Rev. Shawn Rutledge, Susan Gilbertson; *Ushers:* Bryant Mitchell, Madeleine Mitchell; *Musicians:* Timothy Kidder, 1st violin, Slavica Ilic, 2nd violin, Laura Ibrahim, viola, Samuel Runolfson, cello, Klara Farren, Horn; The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Assistant Conductor:* Denise Freeland; *Audio Visual:* John Bednar, Doug Onley, Sydney Onley, The Rev. Jan A. Maas; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander.



### A Brief History of LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Festival of Lessons and Carols as we know it dates to December 1918, at King's College, Cambridge, in the days immediately following the end of World War I. The Rev. Eric Milner-White, Dean of the College, reflected on his experiences as a British army chaplain and developed this liturgy as an opportunity to remember God's great promises, even in the midst of so much suffering and untold devastation. The lessons speak of God's great plan of salvation, articulated by Israel's prophets and poets, and realized in the birth of Jesus Christ.

There are Advent and Christmas versions of the liturgy throughout the Anglican Communion, as this service has become a deeply beloved tradition for millions worldwide. The readings for this service in particular were chosen to highlight God's promise of remaking and redeeming all things. In our pandemic present world, it is our privilege and our hope to remember that, beginning with Christ, God has promised to make all things new.

## GAUDETE SUNDAY

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete*, which means “rejoice.” It is the first word in the proper Introit for the third Sunday of Advent, from the Roman missal. It is often symbolized by a pink or rose color, hence the traditional pink candle in Advent wreaths.

The readings for this day are characterized by joy and expectancy, as we look towards the celebration of Our Lord’s Nativity.

## Luncheon and Christmas Carol Sing for Seniors

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon**  
Zabriskie Parish Hall



All Seniors are invited to Immanuel’s Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship Christmas Holiday Social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 22 beginning at noon. Following a festive luncheon, we will adjourn to the Chapel with our Director of Music Dr. Jane Tavernier for a Christmas Carol Sing.

The luncheon will be served on individual plates, and we will be spaced around the parish hall at the large round tables, consistent with the CDC guidelines for safest indoor eating. The Carol Sing will be in the Zabriskie Chapel, and as with Sunday services, masks will be required. If you feel uncomfortable with one of these two venues or activities, please feel free to RSVP and attend for only the Carol Sing or the luncheon.

Please mark your calendar now and **RSVP** as soon as possible, as space is limited. The first 20 people to register will go home with a lovely amaryllis plant. There is no charge for this activity. Just bring yourself (and a neighbor if you wish!) and come prepared to sing.

Questions or to RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com) or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press “9” to leave your reservation via voicemail.



# CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS and SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon this WEDNESDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to [DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET](mailto:DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET) or [online via our website](#). Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



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**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Christmas Brass Quartet at Immanuel*

*Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark .*

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**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**December 12, 2021**

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**IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, Paul, and Doug.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Preston, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, and Elizabeth.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Paul Lartey, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, Susan Stockton, Asna Amiri, Tiffany McCaslin, Owen Malone, Mike Michaelis, Kameran Onley, and David Peabody.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

**Those who have recently died:** Colonel Edward Shames, Former Senator Bob Dole, Constable Madison "Skip" Nicholson, Police Detective Antonio Valentine, and Police Officer Richard Houston II. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS**

It's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Pageant will be in person, live streamed, AND recorded for a YouTube premiere! It is **THIS SATURDAY December 18<sup>th</sup>**, with rehearsal the week before, and two reading practices before that. Please sign up to participate as a teenager with a speaking role, a child with a part of the tableau role, OR a parent with a helping costume and organize role.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea928abf4c61-christmas>

# Announcements

*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*



## God's Gift and Our Response

This season of Advent is a time to reflect on the gifts we have been given. We have much to be grateful for and much to give back to God in return.

During this season, we hope you will generously pledge to support God's work through Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

As of December 7, 2021, we are blessed with 113 pledges representing \$604,682, forty-four percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. And, on average, those increases are by more than nine percent. Eleven pledges are new.

We constantly praise God for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God's work through this parish.

You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer [thewson@icoh.net](mailto:thewson@icoh.net) stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

**LESSONS AND CAROLS AT VTS TODAY @ 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel:** You are welcome to Virginia Theological Seminary's Lessons and Carols service today at 4:30pm., Immanuel Chapel, where Father Sam will serve as a reader.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

### 2021

December 18	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 19	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall
December 23	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill	<i>meet at</i> Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Brass and Full Choir ( <i>Brass Prelude begins at 4:50 p.m.</i> )	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Woodwinds, Horn and Choral Ensemble ( <i>Choral Prelude begins at 8:45 p.m.</i> )	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 26	9:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

### 2022

January 2	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall

## **Military Funeral for Dick and Judy Bednar**

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Arlington National Cemetery**

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** *This Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*, we will pause from our reading of Hebrews to read the **beautiful birth narratives in the Gospels**. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, by Zoom.

To log-in on your computer: 1. Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu., 2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: **Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW**, 3. Enter **Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029**, then Password: **312018**. For more information, contact one of the clergy.

**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for this **Friday Compline December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: **Join Friday Night Compline Service**, and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

### **Give to Benefit Christmas Families NEXT Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - At All THREE Eucharists**

The special collection for Christmas Families 2021 is next Sunday December 19. It will support holiday gifts for children in disadvantaged families through the gift card programs run by Alexandria Human Services and by Offender Aid and Restoration, warm throws for children in the refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church, and two books for each of the 139 children in the preschool classes of Child and Family Network Centers. Watch for further announcements.



## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SEMINARY HILL**

**DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 5 - 7:00 P.M.**

Join your fellow Immauelites for singing Christmas Carols as we stroll through Seminary Hill on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> — we'll meet at 5:00 p.m. inside of Zabriskie Chapel before venturing outside. Let's spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.

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The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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Kathryn Haskin	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
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Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
The Rev. Jan A. Maas  
The Rev. John R. Smucker  
The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan  
The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

### SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Immanuel Chapel on the following dates:  
**December 18** - Christmas Pageant

### RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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