



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**December 25, 2021**

**Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.**

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**Prelude:** From heaven above

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Opening Hymn 96:** “Angels we have heard on high”

*Gloria*

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| <p>1 Angels we have heard on high,<br/>singing sweetly through the night,<br/>and the mountains in reply<br/>echoing their brave delight.<br/><i>Gloria in excelsis Deo,<br/>gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> <p>2 Shepherds, why his jubilee?<br/>Why these songs of happy cheer?<br/>What great brightness did you see?<br/>What glad tidings did you hear?<br/><i>Gloria in excelsis Deo,<br/>gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> | <p>3 Come to Bethlehem and see<br/>him whose birth the angels sing.<br/>come, adore on bended knee<br/>Christ the Lord, the newborn King.<br/><i>Gloria in excelsis Deo,<br/>gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> <p>4 See him in a manger laid<br/>whom the angels praise above.<br/>Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,<br/>while we raise our hearts in love.<br/><i>Gloria in excelsis Deo,<br/>gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> |
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## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation**

p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God  
People: ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

**Hymn of Praise 82** verse 1

*from* The Hymnal 1982

*Divinum Mysterium*

Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

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 1:1-4**

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **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. Sam Sheridan**

### **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

*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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 words “Lord, in your mercy,”  
the congregation responds with “*Hear our prayer.*”

### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People: *And also with you.*

### Welcome

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 92: “Angels from the realms of glory” verses 1, 3 and 4

*Regent Square*

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| 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,<br>wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br>ye, who sang creation's story,<br>now proclaim Messiah's birth:<br>come and worship, come and worship<br>worship Christ, the new-born King. | 3 Sages, leave your contemplations;<br>brighter visions beam afar;<br>seek the great Desire of nations;<br>ye have seen his natal star:<br>come and worship, come and worship<br>worship Christ, the new-born King. |
| 4 Saints before the altar bending,<br>watching long in hope and fear,<br>suddenly the Lord, descending,<br>in his temple shall appear:<br>come and worship, come and worship<br>worship Christ, the new-born King.         |   |

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, continues:*

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 our thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

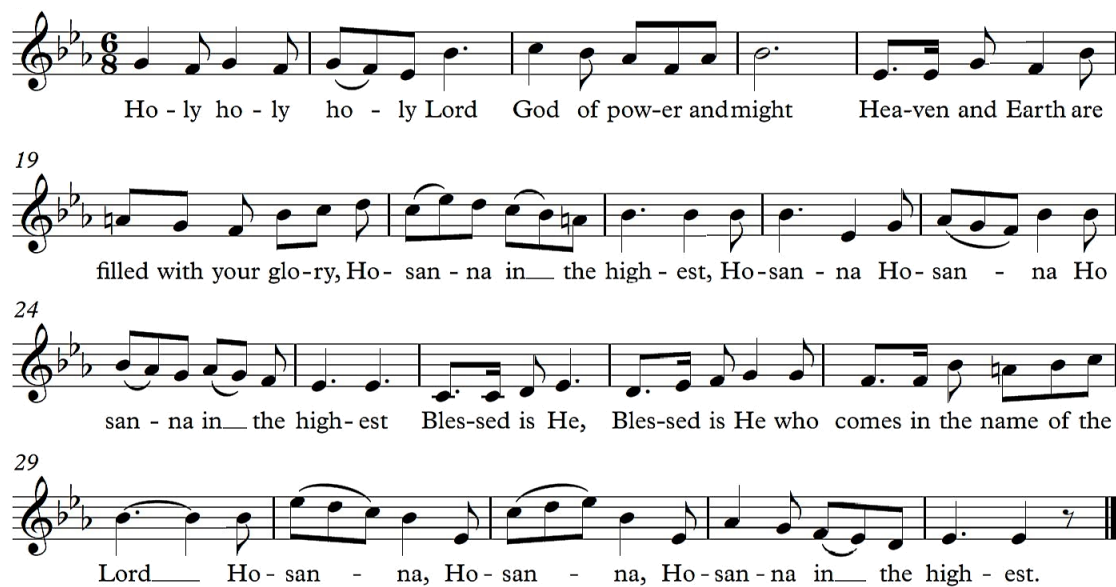
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (*from A Mass for Immanuel*)

Jane Tavernier



Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

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filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

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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.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with (\_\_\_\_\_ and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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.  
Given 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***

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us


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

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)*


Jane Tavernier

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Lamb\_ of God,\_\_\_ Lamb\_ of God,\_\_\_ You take\_a- way\_\_\_ the sins of the world\_\_\_

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Lamb of God,\_\_\_ Lamb of God,\_\_\_ You take\_ a way\_\_\_ the sins of the world.

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

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:**

**Hymn 84:** “Love came down at Christmas”

*Gartan*

- 1 Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.
- 2 Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?
- 3 Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

**Organ Solo** (*if needed*)

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

*God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 100** “Joy to the world!”

*Antioch*

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**The Dismissal**

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude:** In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach

**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:**

*Readers:* Harrison Clark  
*Ushers:* Steward Skubel, Teresa Skubel  
*Musicians:* Dr. Jane Tavernier  
*Audio-Visual:* John Bednar  
*Celebrant:* The Rev. Sam Sheridan



**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**December 25, 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.

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**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, Elizabeth, and Randy MacDonald.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Eve Anderson, Martha Byron, James Henry, Jo Ann Toledo, David Phillips, Hollyann Morton, Katydean Price, Valia Amiri, Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, Candace Quinlan, and Carol Crossmire.

**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:** Police Officer Zachary Cottongim. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

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**COMPLINE Service on Fridays**

Join us for next **Friday Compline December 31<sup>st</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.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 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

**Online**

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**PRIEST ASSOCIATES**

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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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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