

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Alexandria, Virginia



A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 17, 2017

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The Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

The Holy Eucharist Rite II (8:00 am)

The Collect of the day, Readings and Psalm are on the bulletin inserts. Page number will be announced.

Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist (10:00 am)

Processional *Once in Royal David's City* Hymnal #102 (Vs. 1-3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: Today we light three candles, adding the candle of joy to the candles of hope and peace This Third Sunday of Advent, we look forward to Christmas and God's ultimate gift of love given in the birth of His son.

All four candles are lighted.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Almighty God, grant that the solemn feast of our redemption which is now at hand, may help us both in this present life, and further us towards the attaining of eternal joy in everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Opening Sentence Opening Acclamation Collect of the Day

Our disobedience and alienation from God

First Lesson Genesis 3:1-22 Doug Varner
Canticle 1 Parts 1, 3 and 4 (said in unison) BCP p. 47

God's people are comforted and calls on them to prepare for Redemption

Second Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 Susan Byers
Hymn *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* Hymnal #67

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts

Third Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jeff Gray
Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Hymnal #82

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us"

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9a Steve Mitchell
Hymn *Rejoice Rejoice Believers* Hymnal #68

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem

Fifth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9 Russ Bradley
Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymnal #78 (vs.

The Angel Gabriel Announces to the Virgin that She Will Bear a Son

Sixth Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Earnestine Patnett

Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came!

Hymnal #265

The World is Made Flesh and We Have Seen His Glory

Seventh Lesson

Luke 1:5-25

Rosa Krewson

(read in English and Spanish)

Reflection

The Rev. John Weatherly

Exchanging the Peace of God

Offertory Anthem

To Save Us All

by Jay Althouse

Doxology

Hymnal #108

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymnal #S-161

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

All persons are invited to come forward for communion or to receive a blessing

Communion Hymn

Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

Hymnal #58

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal #56 (vs. 1-4)

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our Parish Hall following the service.

Remember to wear your name tags!

Notes on Today's Service:

In our worship service, we use the *1979 Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which is red. We also use two hymnals: the *1982 Hymnal* is blue; *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (LEVAS) has a red binding and black cover. The page numbers are listed in this bulletin.

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2016 Vestry

Sr. Warden: Russell Bradley Jr. Warden: Jim Bailes
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Operations: Rob Bluey (*Communications, Planning*), Sara Dillich (*Stewardship*), Wally Tienken (*Finance*)

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Parish Administrator – Mari Gibson - Sexton – Francisco Robles – Accountant – Mike Morgan
Verger – Mrs. Jeanne Shafer

Worship Service Volunteers

LEMs

12/18 Larry Moyer/Donna Anderson

12/24 Linda Berg (9:00 pm)

Lectors

12/18 Russell Bradley/Sheryl Sims

12/24 Doug Varner (5:00 pm)

Sheryl Sims/Russell Bradley (9:00 pm)

Intercessor

12/18 Mike Foughty

12/24 Linda Larson (5:00 pm)

Earl Hughes (9:00 pm)

Acolytes

12/18 Molly Hamrin/Noah Caliendo

12/24 Katherine Larson

Altar Guild

12/18 Linda Berg/Pat Hoppe

Greeters

TBA

Bonnie Wilkins

Ushers

Karen Ashworth/David Powers

Flower Guild

All Flower Guild

Tellers

Karen Ashworth/Irrsula Mpouma

Vestry Person

Russell Bradley (8:00 and 10:00 am)