

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**The Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff,**  
**Suffragan Bishop of Virginia**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**Alexandria, Va. 22306**  
**December 3, 2017**

Processional Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
join the great throng, psaltery organ and song, sound in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth,  
borne as on eagle's wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

**Station at the Advent Wreath**

- V. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:  
R. And we beheld its glory.  
V. The Glory of the Lord has been revealed:  
R. And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.  
V. Let us pray: Gracious God, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes  
And peace in our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy  
When He comes. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*(The first candle is lighted)*

*The people remain standing, the Bishop says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

***The Bishop then continues***

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.*

**Gloria (2x)**

*(Taize #16)*

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day** (from the insert)

**The Lesson**

*The people sit and the Reader says:*

**A Reading from Isaiah 64:1-9-** (from the insert)

*At conclusion, Reader shall say,*

**“The Word of the Lord.”**

**People :** *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm** **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** (from the insert)

**The Epistle** **I Corinthians 1:3-9** (from the insert)

**Gradual Hymn** *I Have Decided to follow Jesus* LEVAS #136

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

Though no one join me, still I will follow. Though no one join me, still I will follow. Though no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back.

**The Gospel** **Mark 13: 24-37** (from the insert)

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

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

**Sermon** **The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Suffragan Bishop of Virginia**

**Holy Baptism** BCP p. 299

To Be Baptized: *Noah Caliendo, Olivia Rose Nebhut*

To Be Confirmed: *Gary Vernon Haskcom, Ryan Peter Lear, Richard Keith Krewson, Hannah Lee Luxner*

To Be Received: *Mary Alice Herman*

**The Bishop concludes as follows:**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

**Bishop: “The Peace of the Lord be always with you ”.**

**People: “And Also with you”.**

**Offertory Sentence** *The Loose Plate Offering today is donated to the Bishop’s Discretionary fund*

**Offertory Anthem** *And The Father Will Dance* arranged by Mark Hayes

**Holy Communion**

BCP p. 361

**Sanctus** Holy Holy Holy Lord,

WLP 848

**Fraction Anthem Taize' (2x)**

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and never be hungry  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and you will not thirst.*

**Communion Hymn**

*You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

WLP 758

Words by Cesareo Gabarain

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise or the wealthy but only asking for me to follow. O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes for wealthy nor wise ones. You only asked me to follow. O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes kindly smiling you have called my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat now with you I will seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions; neither treasure nor weapons for conquest; Just these my fishnets and my will for working. Jesus, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you have called my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat now with you I will seek other seas.

**Prayer After Communion  
Announcements**

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**Recessional Hymn**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

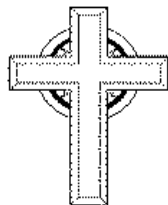
Hymnal 400

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beams, thou silver moon that gently gleams,  
*Refrain: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,  
*(R) O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: (R) (R)  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Words: after Francis of Assisi (1182-1226);



*We warmly welcome those who worship with us today.*

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**2017 Vestry:**

**Rector's Warden:** Jim Bailey (2018)

**Peoples Warden:** Rob Bluey (2018)

**Serving:** Kathy Hughes (*Fellowship*) (2017)

Velma Scott-Boyle (*Evangelism/Newcomers*)(2018)

**Learning:** Donna Anderson (2017), Pam Hamrin(2019)  
(*Children's Ed.*), Rodney Fisher (*Adult Ed* )(2019)

**Treasurer:** Eric Bryda (Ex Officio)

**Clerk:** Wally Tienken

**Operations** Charlotte Brown(*Coms,Planning*) (2017)

Wally Tienken (*Finance*), Doug Varner(2019)

(*Stewardship/Building & Grounds*, Ana Ventura  
(*Outreach*)(2019)

**Music Director/Organist:** Tatiana Andronikova

**Sexton:** Francisco Robles

**Accountant:** Mike Morgan

**Verger:** Mrs. Jeanne Shafer

**Parish Administrator:** Becky Sanders

**Worship Service Volunteers**

**LEMs**

12/3/17 Mike Foughty/Jeanne Shafer

12/10/17 Bonnie Wilkins/Susan Byers

**Lectors**

12/3/17 Jean Hunt/Wilhelmina Scott-Boyle

12/10/17 Doug Varner/Abby Sparks

**Intercessor**

12/3/17 Rosemary Kley

12/10/17 Linda Larson

**Acolytes**

12/3/17 Hannah Luxner/Joanna Wright

12/10/17 Noah Caliendon/Spencer Hibbett

**Altar Guild**

12/3/17 Sara Dillich

12/10/17 – Estela Escobar/Sidoux Mitchell/Velma Scott Boyle

**Greeters(s)**

12/3/17 Wilhelmina Scott-Boyle

12/10/17 Nihal Masih

**Ushers**

12/3/17 Michael Parrish/James Bailes

12/10/17 Karen Ashworth/David Powers

**Flower Guild**

12/3/17 Sarah Hardy/Yuris Guzman

12/10/17 Delsa Chui

**Tellers**

12/3/17 David Powers/Kim Lewis

12/10/17 Karen Ashworth/Irrsula Mpouma

**Vestry Person**

12/3/17 Velma Scott-Boyle

12/10/17 Russ Bradley

**The Diocese of Virginia** – The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Diocesan Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Suffragan Bishop

**Ministers of St. Mark's** – Every Member

**Rector** – The Rev. John Weatherly

**Priest Associate** – The Rev. Donna Foughty

**Volunteer Vicar de San Marcos** – The Rev. Juan Valderrama

**Seminarians** – Michaelene Miller, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton

**Music Director/Organist** – Tatiana Andronikova