

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

We warmly welcome those who worship with us today.

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Hymnal #59 (vs. 1-3)

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding,
Christ is nigh it seems to say.
Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.

2. Wakened by the solemn warning
From earth's bondage, let us rise.
Christ, our sun all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! the lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from Heaven.
Let us haste with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

Opening Acclamation

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The Collect of the Day

The Lesson

Baruch 51:1-9

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The Psalm

The Epistle

**Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah
Philippians 1:3-11**

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Sequence Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymnal #67

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem, of the peace that waits for them, tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

2. Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him.

2. Make ye straight what long crooked, make the rougher places plain,
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that the Word is never broken.

Priest: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ

The Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. John C.N. Hall

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI BCP p. 392

Rector Search Prayer: *We thank you Lord for the community of St. Mark's church. For the love among us, and the ministries we do. Be with us now as we prepare to call a new rector. Guide the search committee as they help us to discern our future and how we may continue to know Your will for our parish family. Strengthen us as we look to a new future built on the foundation of the past. Help us to know what to keep and what to let go. Enlighten the heart of the person who will be our new rector that they will hear Your call. Give us all courage and faith to trust You to lead us to a new and exciting future.*

The Peace (stand) BCP p. 360

Announcements (8:00)

Holy Communion

The Offertory *Sheep May Safely Graze* soloist: Candace Fisher & Jean Hunt

Presentation of Gifts Hymnal #380 (vs. 3)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Sanctus (sung) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord WLP #858

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion.

Fraction Anthem *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life* Taizé #143

*Jesus Christ, Risen Lord come to him and never be hungry
Jesus Christ, Risen Lord trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Communion Hymn *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Hymnal #76

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry,
Announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and hearken for he brings glad tidings
Of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin
Make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home where such
A mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward,
4. To heal the sick stretched out Thy hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand,

Without Thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

Shine forth and let Thy light restore,
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise eternal Son to Thee,
Whose Advent doth Thy people free.
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Prayer after Communion

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Announcements (10:00)

Recessional Hymn

O Zion, Tune My Voice

Hymnal #543 (vs. 1-3)

1. O Zion tune thy voice and raise thy hands on high
Tell all the earth thy joys and boast salvation nigh.
Cheerful in God arise and shine,
While rays divine stream all abroad.

2. He gilds thy morning face with beams that cannot fade,
His all resplendent grace, He pours around thy head,
The nations round thy form shall view,
With luster new divinely crowned.

3. In honor to His name reflect that sacred light,
And loud that grace proclaim, which makes thy darkness bright,
Pursue His praise till sovereign love,
In worlds above the glory raise.

The Dismissal

Postlude

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Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our Parish Hall following the service.
(If you are a first time visitor, please fill out one of our visitors cards. They can be obtained from one of our Ushers.)



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2018 Vestry:

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People's Warden: Rob Bluey

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Rodney Fisher (*Outreach*)

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Treasurer: Eric Bryda (Ex Officio)

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Rodney Fisher, David Walton (*Adult Ed.*)

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12/9/18 Bonnie Wilkins/Jim Bailes

12/16/18 Sheryl Sims/Mike Foughty

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12/9/18 Jean Hunt/Sheryl Sims

12/16/18 Rosa Krewson/Nihal Masih

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12/9/18 Nihal Masih

12/16/18 Nana Marfo

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12/9/18 Hannah Luxner/Noah Caliendo

12/16/18 Ryan Lear/JoAnna Wright

Altar Guild

Greeters(s)

12/9/18 Bonnie Wilkins

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