

# St. John's Church

Henrico Parish

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you are here. If you are new to us today and have any questions about our worship, do not hesitate to ask our ushers or one of our members in the pews. Here is some information to assist you:

The Nursery is located in the Parish Hall and is available during both services.

Children's Chapel School-aged children are invited to spend the first part of the 10:30 a.m. service in Children's Chapel in the Keeper's Cottage. Ask an usher for directions. Children are always welcome to remain in church during service.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall and behind the church.

The Book of Common Prayer is red.

The Hymnal is blue. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the hymnal. There is no music at the 8:15 a.m. service.

Communion—Everyone is welcome to take communion; this is Christ's table.

Individual Prayers—During communion at the 10:30 a.m. service you may go to the side altar for prayer with a prayer minister.

Food and Beverages—We thank you for not eating or drinking in the church.

**Large Print Copies of the Bulletin and Book of Common Prayer are available. Please ask an usher for one.**

### Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all; serving God, each other, and the community.

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### The Word of God

#### Prelude

**Processional** "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

**Hymnal 66**

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

**BCP 355**

**The Trisagion** At the 8:15 service

**BCP 356**

At the 10:30 service

**Hymnal S 102**

#### The Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The First Reading

**Micah 5:2-5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**The Response** "The Song of Mary" *Magnificat*

**Canticle 15**

**BCP 91**

At the 8:15 service, the congregation reads responsively as directed by the lector.  
At the 10:30 service- Congregation joins choir singing antiphon; choir sings verses.

**Hymnal S 247**

#### The Second Reading

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (verses 4-6)

**Hymnal 56**

**The Holy Gospel** Please stand

**Luke 1:39-55**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

BCP 358

#### The Nicene Creed

**The Prayers of the People** Please stand or kneel, as you wish, for the Prayers of the People.

As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and God's Kingdom, let us pray for our own needs, the needs of this community, and the needs of the world.

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For peace in your time, O Lord, and for peace in our time. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For Michael, our presiding bishop, for Susan and Bob, our bishops; for all who minister in the name of Jesus, and for all the holy people of God. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For this church, for all churches, and for the faithful throughout the world. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For President Trump, for Governor Northam, for all elected and unelected leaders, and for all in authority.

Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For justice and freedom among all the peoples of the earth. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the hungry and the oppressed, for the incarcerated and for the victimized, for those in poverty and economic insecurity, for the addicted and the sober. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For an end to child abuse and abusive relationships; for healthy relationships; for families going through transition. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the sick and the suffering, especially Alisia, Jerry, Anne, Jon, Kristen, Sidney, Steve, Marcia, Ted, David, Denice, Charlotte, Ellen, Peyton, Becky, Faye, Andy, Paul, Doug, and Nizar, Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the dying and the dead, especially for Rick Slough, who died recently. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the work God have given us to do in this world, that we may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring about the Kingdom of God. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, offered silently or aloud.

**The Confession and Absolution** 8:15 a.m. service only

BCP 360

**Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Henry William Schnake** 10:30 service only

Please refer to the insert in your bulletin.

**The Peace** Please stand.

BCP 360

#### Announcements

**The Offertory Anthem** Adam Lay Ybounden

Burford

\*See Music Note on back page of bulletin

**The Presentation of the Offering**

At 8:15 Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People And of thine own have we given thee.

At 10:30, all sing "While we are waiting, come"

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 367

**The Sanctus**

At 8:15

BCP 367

At 10:30

Hymnal S 129

The Celebrant continues with **Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 368

**Prayer for St. John's Church**

**The Great Amen**

**Hymnal S 147**

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved.

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

Help us to reach out to those around us,

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

**The Fraction Anthem**

At 8:15

BCP 364

**Serving this Morning**

At 10:30

**Hymnal S 151**

8:15 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Preacher The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

All are welcome at Christ's table. If you do not take communion, you are invited to come for a blessing; simply cross your arms over your chest. Some choose to receive bread only, and those who are allergic to gluten may ask for a glutenfree wafer. Some prefer to dip their bread in the wine rather than sip from the cup. If you would like communion to be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know

Deacon The Rev. Deacon David Curtis

**Communion Hymns**

"Redeemer of the nations, come"

**Hymnal 55**

LEM Donna Smith

"Wait for the Lord"

Lector Liz De Braal

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

Prayers Debbie Solyan

**The Blessing**

Usher Doug Solyan & Barbara Anderson

Please turn the page for the Recessional Hymn

10:30 a.m.

**Recessional** "Canticle of the Turning"

Celebrant The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

**The Dismissal**

Preacher The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

Deacon Let us go **Now into the World** to love and serve the Lord.

Deacon The Rev. Deacon David Curtis

People Thanks be to God!

Children's Chaplain The Rev. Anne Lane Witt

**Postlude**

Minister of Music Jim Bennett

#### Welcome to St. John's Church

LEMS Neill Goff & Irvin Dallas

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual home. Please complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate to receive our weekly email.

Lectors Victoria Hauser & Kathy Dixon

We invite you to join us at coffee hour in the Parish Hall after the service. We are eager to tell you about the life and ministries of St. John's Church.

Prayers Ryan Smith

Crucifer John King

Acolyte John King

Ushers Marc & Kathy Dixon

Greeter Marc Dixon

Tellers Horace Dowdy & Susan White

Nursery Qiyamah Stephens

Altar Guild Lisa Wood, Pattie Tobler, Patricia McNaught, & Catherine Brown

Coffee Hour Gavin and Owen Dixon

#### **Music Permissions**

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#### **\*Music Note**

"Adam lay ybounden" relates the events of Genesis, Chapter 3. In medieval theology, Adam was supposed to have remained in bonds with the other patriarchs in the limbus patrum from the time of his death until the crucifixion of Christ (the "4000 winters"). The second verse narrates the Fall of Man following Adam's temptation by Eve and the serpent. John Speirs suggests that there is a tone of astonishment, almost incredulity in the phrase "and all was for an apple", noting "an apple, such as a boy might steal from an orchard, seems such a little thing to produce such overwhelming consequences. Yet so it must be because clerks say so. It is in their book (probably meaning the Vulgate itself)."

The third verse suggests the subsequent redemption of man by the birth of Jesus Christ by Mary, who was to become the Queen of Heaven as a result, and thus the song concludes on a positive note hinting at Thomas Aquinas' concept of the "felix culpa" (blessed fault). Paul Morris suggests that the text's evocation of Genesis implies a "fall upwards. Speirs suggests that the lyric retells the story in a particularly human way: "The doctrine of the song is perfectly orthodox...but here is expressed very individually and humanly. The movement of the song reproduces very surely the movements of a human mind." (Wikipedia contributors. "Adam lay ybounden." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 18 Nov. 2018. Web. 18 Dec. 2018.)

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