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## **Opening Welcome**

Prelude An Advent Prelude Callahan

## The Word of God

The Hymnal 1982 - #481 Rejoice, the Lord is King



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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

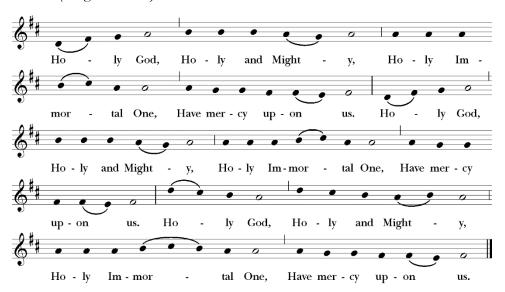
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Celebrant

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*.

Trisagion S-100

(sung in unison)



## Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### The Lessons

Reader A Reading from Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \* I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \* and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \* from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \* see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \* for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.* 

Reader A Reading from Philippians (4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence** *Hymn #72 Hark! The glad sound! (vv. 1-2 only)*

1 Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long: let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

2 He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:7-18)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sequence** *Hymn #72 Hark! The glad sound! (vv. 3-4 only)*

3 He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure; and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

**Sermon** The Reverend Celal Kamran, Assistant to the Rector

The Nicene Creed p. 358

Celebrant and People

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 of the People Form IV

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Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader Grant Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live

together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we

may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly

in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them,

and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in

their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for the victims of

Covid-19 and for an end to the pandemic. We pray for all those listed in our prayers on p. 13.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we

pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray for Thaddaeus

Parker, Thomas Ronaldi, Jr., (Tom's father), Anita Stribling, and Janice Torseth.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this

week: Bradley Brigante, John Godley, Tanner Hishta, Virginia Rouse, Jud Sage, Andrew

Mikilia, Ginger Albertson, Linda Egan, Kathy Bray, and Robyn Snyder.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

### The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies,

look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of

souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal

life. Amen.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

# The Holy Communion

Offertory This is the truth sent from above arr, R. Vaughan Williams (Pohick Choir)

The Doxology Hymn #56 (v. 7 only)

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (sung in unison)

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The people stand or kneel.

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

#### Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

#### Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

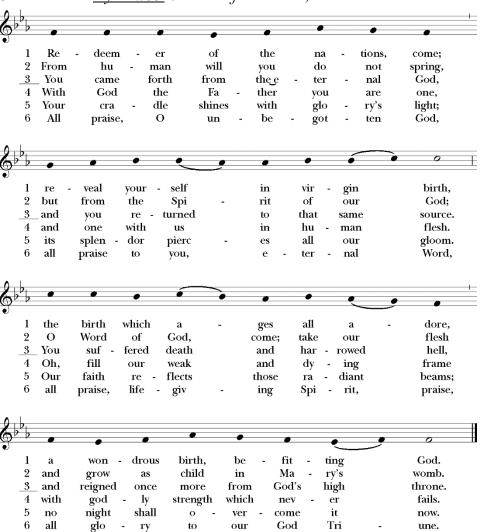
#### The Invitation

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.* 

In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

## **Communion** Hymn #55 Redeemer of the nations, come



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# Celebrant Let us pray. (in unison)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**Recessional** Hymn #75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying



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## **Dismissal**

Celebrant (Sentence of dismissal)
People Thanks be to God.

## Postlude An Advent Postlude

Callahan

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#### Those Who Serve

Celebrant The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, *Rector* 

Assisting and Preaching The Reverend Celal Kamran, Assistant to the Rector

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## For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Andy, Chrissy, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter, Darryl Sebastian, Lisa Ruf, Alice Jean Scott, Nelson Whittaker, Chuck MacDonald, Janet Hinson, Joan Egan, Jehl Palvado, Carl Steuernagel, Mike Morgan, Charlotte Knipling, Sarah, Terrence Dolan, Buck Gastrell, Skip Schultz, Ken Knight, Alexandra and Violet Gibson, Tony and Anne Marsico, and Neil Sunderland.

We pray for those who have died, including Thaddeus Parker, nephew of Charles and Anne Keeney; for Thomas Ronaldi, Jr., father of Tom and Andrea, and father-in-law of Rev. Lynn; for Anita Stribling, mother of Susan and Rusty Stribling; and for Janice Torseth, sister of Pete Kind.

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Bradley Brigante, John Godley, Tanner Hishta, Virginia Rouse, Jud Sage, Andrew Mikilia, Ginger Albertson, Linda Egan, Kathy Bray, and Robyn Snyder.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Kyle Gibson.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind. We pray for victims of natural disasters. We pray for all suffering from COVID-19, and for the protection and strength for all health care workers.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Emmanuel, Rapidan, St. Andrew's, Burke, and St. Christopher's, Springfield.

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#### Announcements

The altar flowers are dedicated in memory of Gregory Smith, father of Sarah Kirkland and partner of Sheila Kirkland and in memory of Wayne Kirkland and Philip Kirkland, father and son of Kathy Kirkland.

- Welcome newcomers! Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Coffee Hour will be held in the Common Room following this service. We hope you can join us!
- Worship Services are at 8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am. 10:30 am service is live-streamed on Facebook. Compline continues Wednesday nights via Zoom. Link is emailed.
- Christian Education Classes (online at www.pohick.org).
  - Four-Part Adult Forum "Courageous in Community: One Body, One Spirit, One Hope" will continue today. Get coffee and join us in the Common Room between services, beginning at 9:15 am.
  - Building Community. Sunday evening Bible Study on Romans led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com.
  - Education for Ministry (EFM) will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7-9 pm. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan, for information or to register.
  - Children's Christian Education, in-person, and virtual components. Please contact Frances Sessums for information and registration.
- Playdate for young ones! Pohick Parents with babies and young children interested in forming a playdate/parent group contact Rev. Celal.
- Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers! If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.
- If you have something to leave at the **Parish office**, please attach a note explaining its purpose.
- Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours between services. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.
- We will have our last EYC meeting of the year with a **Christmas party today at 6 pm in the Annex**. All Pohick youth are invited to join us for dinner, hot chocolate, Christmas ornament and cookie decoration, and other Christmas activities!

• There will be no **Sunday School** or **Children's Chapel** December 19, 26, and January 2. Sunday School and Children's Chapel will resume January 9.

#### • Advent/Christmas Calendar:

- Third Sunday in **Advent** is today!
- Live Nativity (Pageant, Petting Zoo and Carols) at 2pm and 3pm in the Fairgrounds this weekend! Come support our children and youth and have an inspiring, fun time!
- Christmas Come-n-Go at the Rectory Friday, Dec. 17, from 6 pm to 9 pm. ALL are invited all ages, newcomers, old timers, children and youth! Please wear masks as you deem prudent. Parking for those needing assistance at the "V" in Rectory Driveway or Fairgrounds, with Golf Cart transportation to house. Others please park in lower church lot and walk along lit path from drive thru woods to Rectory. Thanks for hospitality of the Vestry and IWC!
- Festival of Lessons and Carols. Special and traditional Anglican Christmas service Sunday Dec. 19, 6 pm, at the church! Journey through history of salvation up to the Messiah's birth, with Scripture, hymns and anthems!
- Christmas Eve service at 6 pm and 10:30 pm.
- Christmas Day service at 10 am.
- Golden Dove Gift Shop has Christmas gifts: Pohick Christmas fragrance candles, Grant's handmade gemstone pendants, olive wood decor from Bethlehem, gift baskets & more. Open today 9 -10:30AM. Thank you for supporting "the Dove" last Sunday in the Common Room; sales were over \$800!
- The **Ann Mason Guild** will be selling gently worn jewelry **today** before and after the forum. Great Christmas gifts to support our outreach! Please remember the young people at **Jackson-Feild Homes** in your Christmas giving. Make checks to Ann Mason Guild with Jackson-Feild in the memo line.

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry and join us for Fellowship Hour between services at 9:15am in the Parish House.

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