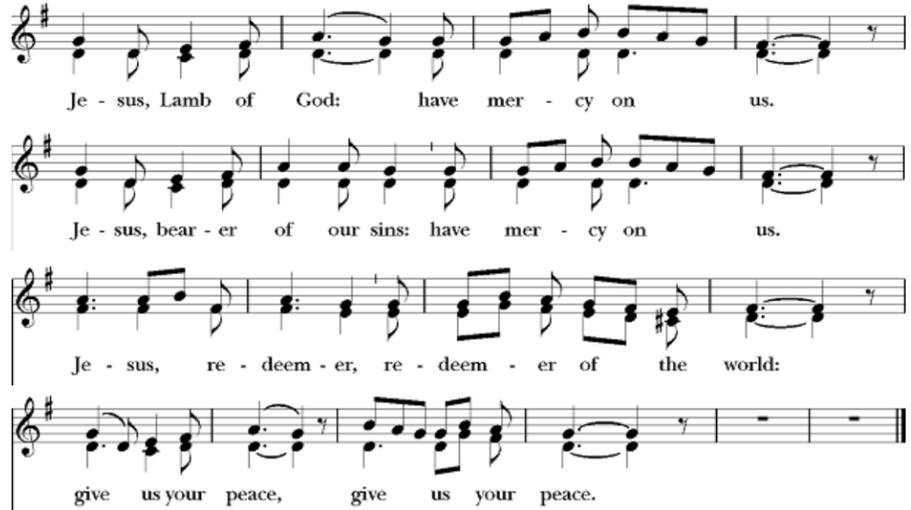


**Fraction Hymn S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God**

**Agnus Dei**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

**Communion Hymn 67** *Comfort, comfort ye my people* Psalm 42

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing* (p. 366)  
Let us pray.

**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**

**Hymn 72** *Hark! The glad sound!* Richmond

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** *On Helmsley*

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 Kemper Brinkley

10:30 Samuel Gates, Martha Burton

**Ushers:** Kathy Talmage, Sonyia Elder **Audio:** Jim Donnelly

**Acolyte:** Samuel Gates, Perusi Musazi, Gavin Zimmerman **Greeters:** Everyone

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Join us in Lackey Hall after both services for refreshments and conversation. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEN’S BREAKFAST** is Saturday, December 14, at 8 a.m. at The Dixie Restaurant

**WHEN I AM FILLED WITH CARES, YOUR COMFORT BRINGS ME JOY**  
**PSALM 94:19.** Please consider donating to help outreach provide presents and gift cards to children and seniors. Visit the Angel Tree in Lackey Hall and choose an angel from the tree. There is also the option to donate a Wal-Mart gift card or cash. Another way to share the joy of Christmas is by donating money/gift cards to provide meals to those in need during the holidays. A collection envelope is in the hallway outside the Lackey Hall entrance to place your donations. Please make checks payable to C&G Outreach. Cash and gift cards are also acceptable. Many thanks for your generosity. **Deadline is this Sunday, December 15.** Contact Sonyia 804-691-1735 with questions.

**SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS!** The cost is \$20 which will support poinsettias and greens decorating the sanctuary and altar. The name of your loved one will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Forms are located on the table outside Lackey Hall or contact the church office. **Deadline is this Sunday, December 15.**

**CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION** is this Sunday, December 15, starting at 5:15 p.m. Guest musicians will be Laraine Smith, vocalist, and Bill Owen, organ. Please join us and bring your friends.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** Each day during Advent, add a food item to your basket and on Christmas Eve bring your offering to church which will be used to prepare food bags for those who knock on our door for assistance. Instructions are available on the table outside Lackey Hall.

**10 O’CLOCK CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, December 17, at 10 am at the Petersburg Home for Ladies followed by 10:30 Holy Communion.

**JOIN LARAINE SMITH AND BILL OWEN** as they perform a Christmas concert at Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg on Tuesday, December 17 at 8:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The concert is part of the Candlelight Concert Series.

**BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER** will be held Sunday, December 22, at the 10:30 am service. All children and youth are invited to be part of this pageant. We hope that all parents can help with rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, and to get the children in their costumes on Sunday morning. Youth are needed to help narrate the pageant and encourage children. Let Rev. Robin or Gina Mead know if you can help.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE READERS NEEDED.** At the 10:30 am service on Sunday, December 29, we need 10 people to read lessons. Please contact Robin at 733-7202 if you will be available to participate. There will be no 8 am service or Sunday school on this day.

**YEAR END GIVING.** With the end of the year upon us, you might be thinking about charitable giving and tax implications, and we hope that Christ and Grace is entering into your considerations. We have a new page on our website with information you might find helpful. Go to ChristandGrace.org and click on Year End Giving under the "Give" tab.

**2020 PLEDGE ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in Lackey Hall. If you would like to know more about online giving for your 2020 pledge, handouts are available in Lackey Hall, and instructions are on the church website at christandgrace.org by going to “Give” or call the church office for assistance at 733-7202.

**THE 2020 FLOWER CHART IS UP!** Sign up on the chart, fill out the form, and leave completed form with the church office. **Please do not sign up without filling out a form!** Thank you for your support!

**Calendar for the Week**

Sat. 12/14	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast – The Dixie Restaurant
Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal/AA Meeting



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*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.  
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 15, 2019**

*Welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the Sycamore Street entrance to the church. A Sunday school for children ages 2-11 meets downstairs during the 10:30 service. Children return at the offering.*

**8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – without music**  
**10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – with music**

**The Word of God**

**Prelude:** *Noel sur les Flutes*

Daquin

**Hymn 57** *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

St. Thomas

**Opening Acclamation** *standing* Book of Common Prayer p. 299  
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**8:00 a.m. only**  
Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

**Hymn S102** *Trisagion*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10** *sitting* *See scripture insert*  
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146:4-9

### Second Reading: James 5:7-10

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

**Hymn 65** *Prepare the way, O Zion* (vs. 1-2) Bereden väg för Herran

**Gospel:** *standing* (p. 357)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ. Matthew 11:2-11**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Hymn 65** *Prepare the way, O Zion* (vs. 3) Bereden väg för Herran

**The Sermon** The Rev. Robin Teasley

**The Nicene Creed** *standing* (p. 358)

**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 People** *standing or kneeling*

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, keep us awake, be our strength and consolation, and reign in our hearts that your Son Jesus Christ may find in us a mansion prepared for himself.

O God, in days to come a righteous Branch will spring up and your people will live in safety. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember Nancy Furr, and Andy, Missy, Elizabeth, Russell & Samuel Gates.

**Come thou long expected Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In your time, O Lord, the valleys shall be lifted up, the mountains and hills shall be made low, and the rough places will become a plain. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

**Come thou long expected Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you take away the garments of sorrow and affliction; in your tender compassion you bring healing and salvation. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially for Helen Adams, Josie Basta, Cheri Becker, David Brinkley, Carolyn Crinkley, Betty Goodman, David Gwaltney, Nell Howard, Penny Howard, Mark Jones, Peter Keyser, Mike Mahaney, Kent Mallory, Mike McKibbin, Joan Mitchell, Addison Owens, Susan Pugh, Barry Resnick, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Linda Watanabe, Dana Watkins Spiers, Wendy Taft, Larry Tucker, and Paige Whitley that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

**Come thou long expected Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. You rejoice over us with gladness, renew us in your love, and exult over us with loud singing. We pray for those who rejoice this week, and offer you our thanks and praise.

(thanksgivings may be offered at this time)

**Come thou long expected Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

According to the promises you made to our ancestors, we thank you for drawing near with redemption and life everlasting for those who have died. The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the staff and volunteers who help Christ and Grace fulfill its mission of hope, healing, and hospitality.

**Come thou long expected Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *pause* (p. 360)

**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.**

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** *standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory:** *Never weather – beaten sail* Thomas Campion

**At The Presentation Hymn 66** *Come, thou long expected Jesus* Stuttgart

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.*

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A** *standing* (pg. 361)

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.**

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:

**Hymn S-130** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Deutsche Messe

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**