

CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

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 16, 2018

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 front 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 EUCHARIST RITE II – with music

The Word of God

Prelude Meine Seele, erhebt den Herren

J S Bach

Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1, 6, 7)

Processionale

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: Zephaniah 3:14-20 *sitting*

See scripture insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6) *chanted by the choir*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 72 *Hark! the glad sound!* (vs. 1-2)

Richmond

Gospel: *standing*

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

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

Luke 3:7-18

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 72 *Hark! the glad sound!* (vs. 3-4)

Richmond

The Sermon

The Rev. Robin Teasley

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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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: Jeff, Lisa, Stephen, & Faith Geisz, Billie Goff and Todd & Tina Graham.

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 Lash Barksdale, Ashley Browder, Vera Crooms, Laura Eure, Earl Hale, Pret Kaichen, Peter Keyser, Judy Kinzer, Tracey Milliner, Renata Newton, Edward Roberts, Bill Surber, Dana Watkins Spiers, Billy Talley, Wayne Whitley, and Elaine Yeatts 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 Advent greenery is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mac McClurg by Ann Riggs.

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: *Rejoice in the Lord always*

Henry Purcell

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

Stuttgart

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B *standing*

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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.**

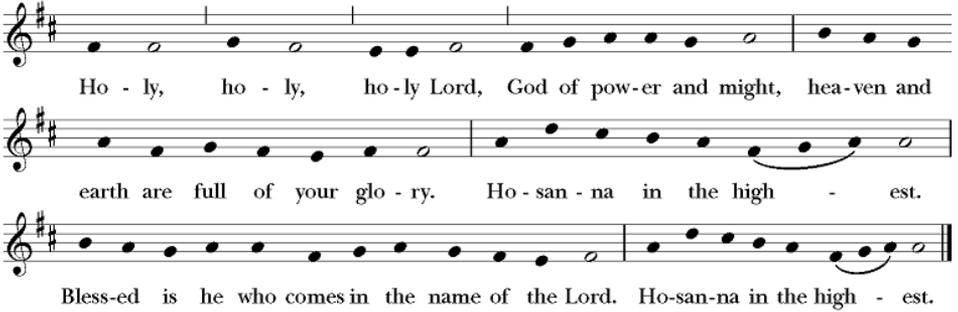
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus Hymn S-124

New Plainsong



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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standing

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

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 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

Fraction Hymn S-151 *Christ our Passover*

Plainsong

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All



keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Deutsche Messe



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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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 53 *Once he came in blessing*

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing*

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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 57** *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* (Arr. David Willcocks)

Helmsley

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

Priest: The Rev. Robin Teasley

Lay Readers: 8:00 Kemper Brinkley, Jonathan Shockley

10:30 Bill Miller, Nancy Rawlings

Ushers: Andy Gates, Marwee Walsh Audio: Melanie Williamson

Acolytes: Noah Hunter, Samuel Gates, Barry Osogu 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:

BIG BREAKFAST is this Sunday, December 16, from 8:45 am – 9:30 a.m.

WILLIAMSBURG RESORT RAFFLE to benefit the ECW. Tickets available in Lackey Hall. \$10/ticket or 3 for \$20. Drawing after the Parish Meeting this Sunday, December 16. See flier on bulletin board in hallway for details.

CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION Sunday December 16 at 5:15 pm with special music featuring musician Melissa Adams. A reception follows in Lackey Hall.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS: Outreach is accepting monetary donations to provide holiday meals for those in need. An envelope is on the bulletin board in the hallway for your checks made out to Christ and Grace with Christmas dinner on the memo line.

CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS SIGN UP \$15 supports flowers at the altar and poinsettias decorating the sanctuary. The name of your loved one is listed in all the Christmas bulletins. Complete the form on the table outside Lackey Hall, or contact the church office 733-7202 or Lee at shakubuku42@gmail.com. Deadline today, Dec. 16.

YEAR-END GIVING: As the year draws to a close, it is time to fulfill your 2018 pledge, but also to consider an additional gift to Christ and Grace. The Advent season is a time of anticipation and serves as a reminder of our hopes for the coming year in our congregation – students to teach, services to celebrate, congregants to care for, new families to touch – and how your offering might help to make a difference. We also recall the visit of the wise men and their gifts to Jesus. As we give presents to our friends and relatives, remembering the church might also be appropriate. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2019, this would be a good time to do so. When giving online at www.christandgrace.org/online_giving.php or writing a check, our greatest needs are for roof repair or the general fund, so those designations would be most appropriate.

THE ANGEL TREE If you missed out on getting an angel, there is still a need for \$25 donations or Walmart gift cards. The deadline to return gifts is this Sunday, Dec 16.

BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER will be held Sunday, December 23, at 10:30 am. All children and youth are invited to be part of this pageant. Parents are needed to help with rehearsal on Saturday, December 22, and to get children in costumes on Sunday, December 23. Youth are needed to narrate the pageant and encourage the children. A sign up sheet is in Lackey Hall or contact Gina Mead or Rev. Robin.

CALLING ALL NURSES! The Hope Center is in need of volunteer nurses to do blood pressure readings each month. Contact Elayne Pagano at 586-2951 for details.

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART IS UP! Please sign up on the chart, fill out a form, and attach it to the Parish Secretary's door. Thank you for your support!

Calendar for the Week

Sun. 5:15 p.m. Celtic Evensong and Communion
Mon. 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues. 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Petersburg Home for Ladies
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/AA Meeting – Lackey Hall
Sat 9 – 10:30 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal