December 24, 2017   9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Rev. Leslie J. Hague is the celebrant and preacher today.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

VOLUNTARY  Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen  Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
(Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming)  Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Celebrant  On this fourth Sunday of Advent, Let us pray.
People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God’s children. Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.
(The fourth Advent candle is lit.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56   O come, O come, Emmanuel  Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The people standing, the Officiant says
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Officiant then continues
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  (sung three times)  S-102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

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

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16
When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."
But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

Cantor sings the versicle –
congregation sings the response

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
   from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior 
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; *  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *  
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *  
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *  
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader       The Word of the Lord.
People       Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 54 Savior of the nations, come!   Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Deacon       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:26-38.
People       Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon       The Gospel of the Lord.
People       Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.
THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Extend your greeting to your favored ones, O God, and let your Holy Spirit overshadow us, that we may proclaim your love to our generation, as we await the coming of Christ, saying: Let your faithfulness and love be with us; for your love is established for ever.

Intercessor Gracious and Loving God, build your Church into a house that shall be made sure forever before you, that we, like Mary, may respond in faithfulness and be bearers of the Christ Child unto all the world. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

People for your love is established for ever.
Intercessor  Eternal and Infinite One, raise up just leaders, and guide the nations of the world, that all people may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and that evildoers shall afflict them no more. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

People  for your love is established for ever.

Intercessor  Compassionate One, let the prophetic writings be made known to all the nations to bring release and comfort to all who are oppressed, to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

People  for your love is established for ever.

Intercessor  Loving God, empower your Holy Spirit to come upon this community that we may be the servants of the Lord and live graciously according to your word. Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

People  for your love is established for ever.

Intercessor  Gracious One, visit all for whom we pray with your mysterious love, and honor the intercessions of your people as we pray for those on our All Saints prayer list; for Richard who will receive communion at home this week; and for others we may wish to name, either silently or aloud.

(Pause for quiet reflection)

Hear our glad tidings as we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, especially for our Lectors who so beautifully share the lessons each week in our Mass, and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and for others we may wish to name, either silently or aloud.

(Pause for quiet reflection)

Raise up into your glorious eternal presence those who have died, especially Kathryn O’Neil who passed away on Monday, and others we remember, either silently or aloud.

(Pause for quiet reflection)

Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

People  for your love is established for ever.

Celebrant  Holy One, let your Word of perfect love cast out all fear. for the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages is now disclosed; guide us that we may joyfully bring about the obedience of faith to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.  Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Officiant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Minister and People

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.

A Priest stands and says

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 is then exchanged

Officiant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People     And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

OFFERTORY QUARTET    Lo, in the Time Appointed Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Susan Sloan, Kathy Dean, David Peters, Dan Bishop

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come,
The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands:
For the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom:
And upon the throne of David shall he reign for ever, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY HYMN 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus Stuttgart

The Eucharistic Gifts are brought forward.

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People sing  
Sanctus  

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

The people stand or kneel as they choose.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People  

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.
THE LORD’S PRAYER
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said
Celebrant and People

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation
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.

Prayer Partners during Communion
(Prayer Partners are available near the pulpit during Communion.
All wishing to have special supportive prayers for yourself or others are encouraged
to approach the prayer partner during communion time.)

COMMUNION QUARTET   Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen  Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
(Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming)  arr. Donald Cashmore (b. 1926)

Translation from German:
A rose there is a springing from tender roots on earth;
Aa ancient men were singing, from Jesse came its birth.
And now this little flow’r appears in coldest winter at this, the midnight hour.
This Rose, the stem of jesse, by prophets once foretold;
Mary alone has brought us the Child promised of old.
By God’s eternal pow’r the Miad has borne the infant at this, the midnight hour.
The flow’r so small and slender shines thro’ with radiance bright;
To us so sweet and tender distpels the darkest night.
True Man with God’s true pow’r, helps us from all our suff’ring,
Saves us from death’s dark hour.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Priest       N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with N. (and N.)

People       May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.

Priest       May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN  59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding            Merton

Voluntary:

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People       Thanks be to God.


Please join us for Greening of the Church following this service.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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The Altar Greens this week are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William Higgins, Ken and Charlotte Solakian Ross, and Walter and Violet Dunkle by K. Pat and Kerry Ross & Family.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the joy of the birth of our Lord, by the people of All Saints.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK: December 24—30
Birthdays Pat Ross, Phil Farnsworth
Anniversary Earl and Kathryn Congdon
Berry and Phyllis Barnes

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Mon. – Fri. Easier Softer Way (AA Meeting) 8:00 am Neaverson
Wednesday 12/27 Holy Eucharist w/Healing 12:05 pm St. Luke’s
Deadline eComm and Bulletin 12:00 pm St. Luke’s
Thursday 12/28 Vespers 6:30 pm St. Luke’s
Saturday 12/30 RiverSounds: Sean Cavanaugh Pianist 4:00 pm

The All Saints Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26. We will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 1 and Tuesday, Jan. 2.

DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES 2018

The sign up for 2018 dedication of Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Candles is now available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The donation for Altar Flowers is $100; and during Advent, it is $30 for the Altar Greens. Flowers are not used during Lent. The Sanctuary Candle is $15 for each week. A special thank you to everyone for their support of our Flower Guild to add to the beauty and enrichment of our Church.
WEDNESDAY HEALING PRAYER WITH EUCHARIST

Wednesday, December 27  12:05 p.m.
(please use the entrance by Jensen Courtyard)

Has anyone ever asked you to remember them in your prayers? Every Wednesday at noon in St. Luke’s Chapel, we have a special service of prayer, anointing, and laying on of hands for healing. If you have been asked to pray for others, please join us in this important ministry of prayer.

THIS WEEK IS THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYERS—RITE I) AT ALL SAINTS

Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm in St. Luke’s Chapel

Vespers is a wonderful and deeply spiritual liturgy of prayer which is the penultimate of the ancient daily Christian “Prayer Hours.” Vespers offers us an opportunity for thanksgiving for the good in the day, to let go of the stresses of work and life; and to turn all things earthly, over to God near the end of the day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
COMMENORATION OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
ECW Book Review

Monday, January 15th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Book Reviews are Back by Popular Demand!!!
“Boys In the Boat“ Reviewed by Marj Lyons
Monday (MLK Holiday) Jan. 15th from 11-12:30
Light Tapas Lunch    $10

A SPECIAL NOTE: All are welcome to attend the Book Review, MEN AND WOMEN, to join in a stimulating conversation about the historical and triumphant Rowing Team of the 1936 Olympics that overcame all odds against them.