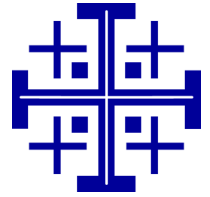




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

To help all prepare before worship, the congregation is asked to take their seats and remain as quiet as possible.

Prelude:

Greeting and Invitation to Intentional Silence

Opening Hymn 423: “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” *found in The Hymnal 1982* *St. Denio*

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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The Collect for Purity

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*

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always

persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 304: “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Land of Rest

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| 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me. | 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known,
we see and praise him here. |
| 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread. | 5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise. |
| 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends. | |

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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,
who with the Father and the Son 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

After the words “Lord, in your mercy,”
the congregation responds with “*Hear our prayer.*”

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Clergy: 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo:

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.*

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.

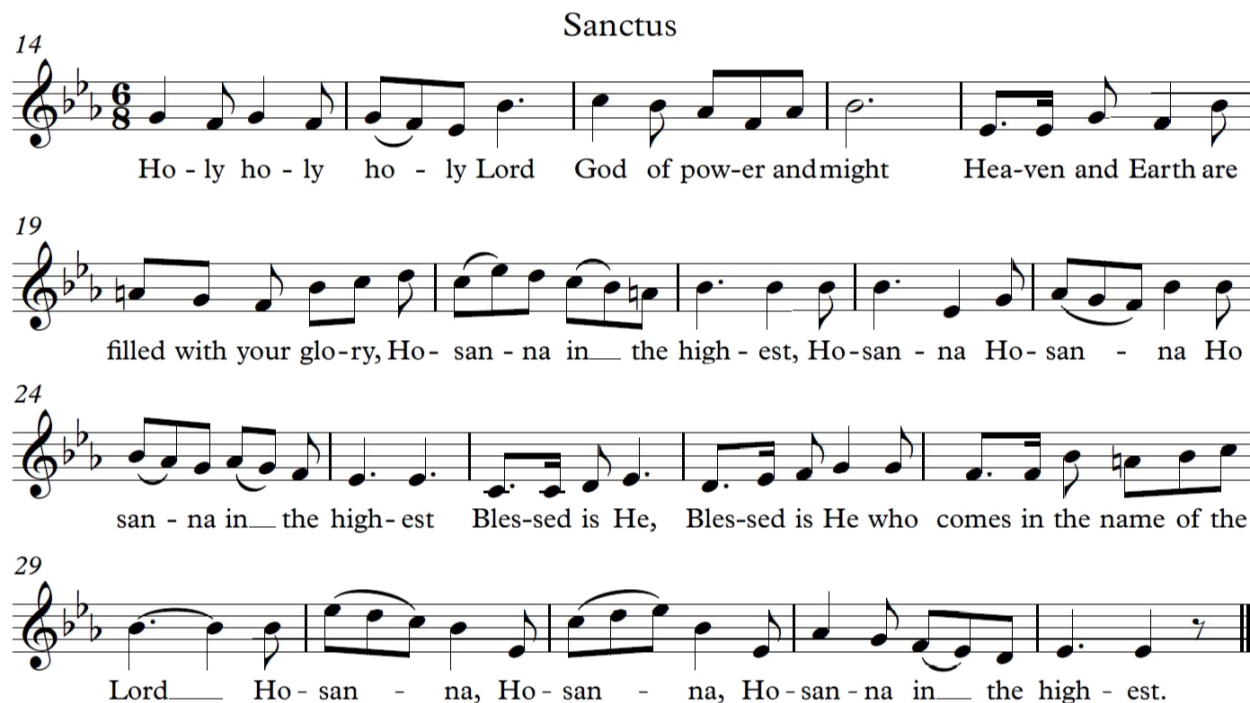
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 (from *A Mass for Immanuel*)

Jane Tavernier

Sanctus



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Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

19
filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

24
san - na in the high- est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

29
Lord Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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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.

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

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Lamb_ of God,___ Lamb_ of God,___ You take_a- way___ the sins of the world___

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Lamb of God,___ Lamb of God,___ You take_ a way___ the sins of the world.

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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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Immanuel Summer Choir

Led by Intercessor: Let us now pray with those joining us from home:

Faithful God,
in the wonder of your wisdom and love,
you fed your people in the wilderness
with the bread of angels
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
Though we cannot all now consume these gifts
of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we have received Christ's presence,
the forgiveness of sins,
and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we embody your love,
be renewed for your service,
and be reflections of the risen Lord. Amen.

Hymn 482: “Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy”

from The Hymnal 1982

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- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Post Communion Prayer

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.***

Closing Hymn 690: “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah ”

found in The Hymnal 1982

CWM Rhodda

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer.
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude:

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Crucifer: Sydney Onley

Readers: Sydney Onley, TBD,

Intercessor: TBD, *Ushers:* TBD

Musicians: The Immanuel Summer Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier

Audio-Visual: John Bednar, Doug Onley, Sydney Onley

Coffee Hour Host: TBD

Vestry Greeter and Counter: TBD

Celebrant: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

“Once-a-Month Gardeners” Needed for Zabriskie

If you haven't wandered the grounds of the Zabriskie complex lately, you haven't seen the wonderful new plantings in the backyard just to the left of the deck, or the landscaping off the Fairchild Room patio. As with any garden, these new starts need watering and other support until they are established, a process that takes a few years typically.

We need volunteers **to help water** (one day a week), to give a couple of hours over a weekend once a month to keep nature at bay, and others to declare war on the relentless clutter that finds its way to the church and its grounds.

If you are interested, please contact Tom Kerns (rtkerns4@gmail.com), Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, and Kevin Kirby (casakirby@gmail.com), Trustee of the Memorial Garden Fund. Any help is greatly appreciated and will be paid back with a satisfaction of a job well done.



Monthly Brown Bag Senior Luncheons Are Back

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEDNESDAY, August 25th @ 12:15p.m.



Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry brown bag lunches will resume this month, so bring your lunch to Zabriskie Parish Hall this **Wednesday, August 25** at 12:15pm. Drinks will be provided by Senior Ministry and Fellowship, and our **host Sudie McGahuey** will provide dessert for all.

We will have an opportunity to socialize and then to watch a video from *Goodwin House at Home* on **Rejoining Society with Confidence as the threat of COVID-19 wanes**.

To reserve a spot, please RSVP as soon as possible by calling the Parish Office at 703-370-6555, **then press 9 when you hear the voicemail prompt** or email Karen Besser (Karen.Besser@gmail.com) no later than **today, Sunday, August 22nd** so that we can ensure enough beverages and dessert for everyone.



IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

August 22, 2021

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Kevin Wensing; ; Jane Temoshok, Eloise Payne, Katie Lloyd, Kathy Lloyd, Carol Crossmire, Kenny, Diane Adams, Francine Wargo, Tony, Ann MacNamara, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Aggie Fortune, Catherine Sinclair, Ted Walker, Lucy, Barbara, and Joan.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Colin Maltbie, Judy Mbure, Paul Smyth, Ethan Butcher, Madeline Forrester, Kay Hobson, Bobbie King, Jennifer Jones, Hilary Shostal, Marty Christino, Mark DeMulder, Jonie Eaton, Susan Johnson, Marilynn Wilson, Lily Bertles, Stephen Kellogg, Melissa Low, Chloe Maratta, and Elizabeth Mason.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Deacon Linda Murphy, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, Quintus Frederick, Joey Alphonso, Victoria Dearborn, DeBora Wheeler, the Rev. Dr. M. Sam Faeth, Rick Manning and his parents Joyce and Richard Manning, Ryan Willis, Daphne, Larry Storm; Corbin, Owen, Madison, and Brighton Hovis; Sarah Minor, and Judy Pavek.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

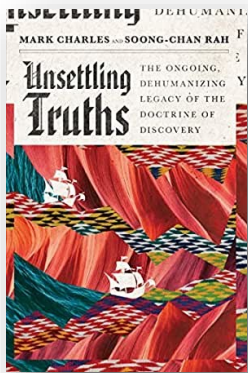
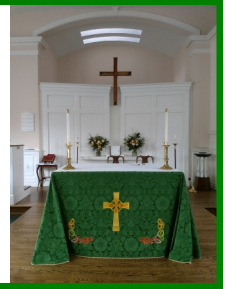
SCAM EMAIL ALERT: Cybercriminals Posing as Father Randy...Again: For the second week in a row, cybercriminals are posing as Father Randy in an attempt to get parishioners to reply to a “Task/ I Need Your Help” email: once you reply, they try to rope you in with ways to steal your money via gift cards. We



promise you, our **Rector will never, ever ask you to purchase gift cards via email.** He also will only use his work email ralexander@icoh.net to contact you. Let's all be vigilant in ignoring such emails.

Announcements

**Join us for Holy Eucharist
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Zabriskie Chapel**



SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

After the Wednesday Evening Eucharist, join us for a weekly discussion of *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah (<https://www.ivpress.com/unsettling-truths>). The meetings will take place via Zoom, but you'd be welcome to bring a laptop and participate from Zabriskie Chapel after Eucharist!

The National Church's Grant to Immanuel for Criminal Justice: WILL YOU PRAY FOR US AND FOR THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM?

Over a number of years, several clergy and parishioners have engaged in individual efforts to be part of Jesus's call to "visit me while I was in prison," to "set the captives free," and to "let justice roll down like waters." With Father Randy's encouragement, the **Social Justice Committee** submitted a proposal in April to the national church to deepen Immanuel's engagement in criminal justice and in supporting those behind bars, their families, and those coming back into the community, with a strong element of deeper education of our own parish on these issues.

Last month Immanuel was awarded a \$6,000 grant to begin this work. A committee comprised of Karen Besser, Jamie Conrad, Katherine Smith, David Atwood, and Kathryn Jackson Haskin has done initial planning, and we have reached out to potential partners including Offender Aid and Restoration, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Alleyne AME Zion church in Old Town.

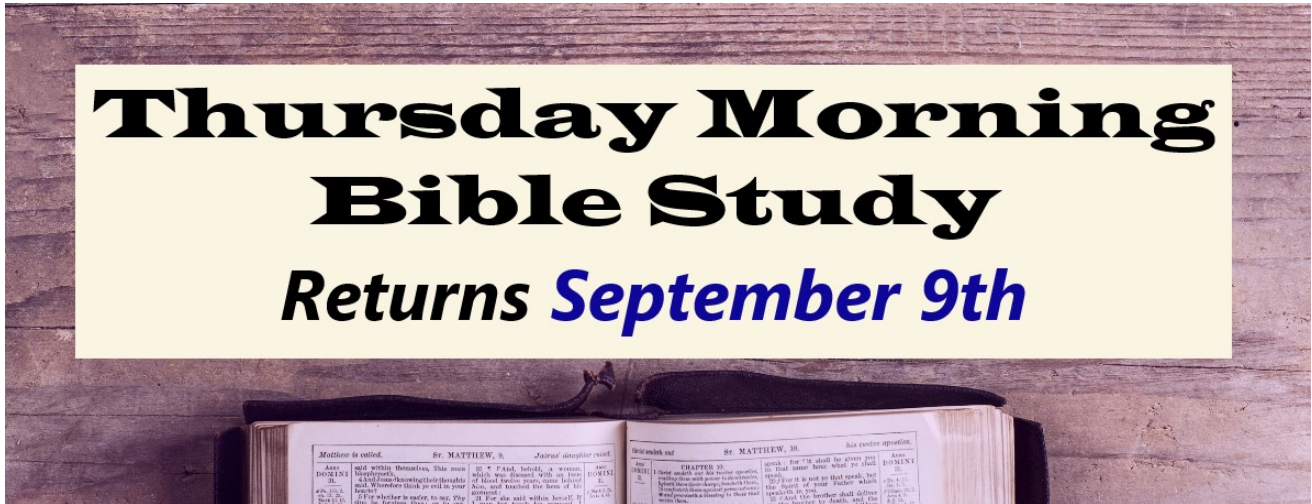
We now seek your support. Would you consider praying for those in prison, for prison guards and administration, and for a more just and merciful criminal justice system locally and in Virginia; for those you know who are in any way part of or affected by the criminal justice system; for the Social Justice Committee and our clergy as we begin to use this grant to help those affected by incarceration while trying to support a more just system; and for your own possible calling to this ministry -- or at least to learn more about it -- in confidence (not fear) of where the Lord may be leading you. Thank you.





COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline August 27th at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church." To participate, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast.*

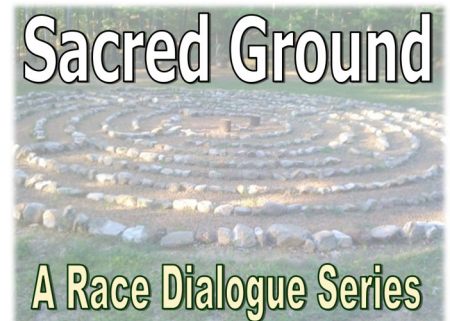
To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.



The **Thursday Morning Bible Study** is taking a brief hiatus, and will resume September 9, 2021 at 10:30a.m. online via Zoom. Look for details in the September 4th eblast and September 5th bulletin announcements.

SACRED GROUND DIALOGUE CIRCLE STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Sacred Ground Starting Monday, September 20: Please consider signing up for the upcoming Sacred Ground dialogue circle, which will be biweekly on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., from September 20 and going through January 2022 and facilitated by Chrissie Crosby. Sacred Ground offers a safe space to learn and be in dialogue about experiences, feelings, and concerns regarding personal identity, racial history and reconciliation, and justice. It has been developed by the national Episcopal Church and "field tested" by seventeen Immanuelites this past Winter and Spring. (If you want to talk to some of them or ask them questions, feel free to contact Katherine Smith, Marilynn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel.)



Ten small group sessions -- based on intensive reading and film viewing homework -- review chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. More details are available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>. Please contact [David Atwood](mailto:atwooddavid@gmail.com) at atwooddavid@gmail.com, or [Kathryn Haskin](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) at kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
6:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Memorial Garden

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