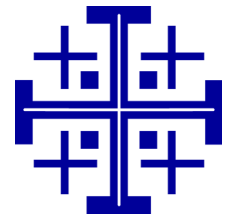




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to

me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Deacon Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; *and of thine own have we given thee.* p. 343

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. p. 337

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

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.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader: Chandley McDonald
Altar Guild: Diana Walker
Usher: Pierre Shostal
Flower Guild: Sally Guy Brown
Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 3, 2023

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.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at entrances of the chapels — and give it to an usher, or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Brad Ashton, David Atwood, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Bogumil Knypinski, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Robin-Shanté Lewis, Marcia MacDonald, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Roger, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Kevin O'Donnell, Ginger Peabody, Linda Hawkins, Casey Kane, Diane Adams, Ralph Fairbank, Casey Konvalinka, Suhaila Patiño, Carroll Phillips, Jonathan Anderson, and Cora John.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Those who have died: Roberta Shaw “Bobbie” Thomas; and victims of the Dollar General Store shooting in Jacksonville, Florida: Angela Michelle Carr, Jerrald Gallion, and A.J. Laguerre. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, September 5th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist RETURNS September 6th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah”, Thursday, September 7th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 8th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

HOMECOMING





All are welcome to join us *next Sunday for Homecoming*; a great time to re-connect with brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel, to share stories from the Summer, and to envision plans for the Fall. Our choir will return at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, along with a brass trio. Please reach out and invite any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be looking for a Church home to join you. Our traditional Homecoming picnic will follow the Eucharist and will feature a bouncy castle for our youngest parishioners.

TWELVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 FOR PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC!

- 4 people from 10am-12pm for set up
 - 4 people from 12-2 to support the buffet (taking shifts so we all can eat / visit, too :))
 - 4 people from 2-4 for clean up
- Please contact Caroline (cbergmark@yahoo.com). Let me know which shift you want.

POTLUCK LUNCH PICNIC in the Zabriskie Parish Hall and Memorial Gardens

Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share that serves 8-10 people. You can choose your “signature” picnic dish -or use the guide below (**first letter of last name**):

-  A-L: Main: Sliced ham, fried/roasted chicken, sandwiches, casseroles, quiche, chicken/tuna salads, pasta dishes, vegetarian specialties, etc.
-  M-P: Appetizer: cheese & crackers, deviled eggs, vegetable trays, fruit, salsa,
-  Q-S: Side dish: salads, coleslaw, beans
-  T-Z: Dessert

(Mark your dishes to ensure their return to you!)

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 16th @ 8:00 AM

Held Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, September 16th, the THIRD Saturday of the month. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is *Freedom*; this month we will read **Galatians 5:16–26** “...*be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to self-indulgence...All who belong to Christ have crucified self...*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE
via Our New SignUp Genius Button

Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the red button at right.

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

September 14 - TRIP TO BARREL OAK WINERY:

Join us on Thursday, September 14 for a jaunt into the beautiful Virginia countryside and a taste of the fermented grape. We will be going to Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane to enjoy a flight of wine and a light lunch in the scenic foothills of the Shenandoah Valley. (Barrel Oak was kindly recommended by Sally Guy Brown, and seconded by Karen and Jim Besser!)



Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 11:00am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 3:00pm. There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van. A “flight” of wine, which includes a sample of 6 wines, costs \$18 and food is extra. There are cold charcuterie items and there is pizza made on the premises.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the van.

September 26 - FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with Guest Speaker Pierre Shostal:

Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 26, at 12:15 p.m. to hear from fellow parishioner Pierre Shostal about his experience ministering to refugees here in Alexandria. Pierre works with other Immanuel folks in conjunction with the refugee ministry of Christ Church, Alexandria.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad and Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

Do you know what to do in the event of a HEALTH EMERGENCY at church?: After calling 911 as a first step, it is very important that parishioners know where the defibrillators are located — in both Zabriskie and Immanuel chapels — and the first aid kits. At Immanuel Chapel, the defibrillator (AED) is located across from the elevator. The first aid kit is in the floral kitchen. At Zabriskie, the AED is located along the small stairwell going from the chapel (near the organ) up to the parish hall. The first aid kit is in the kitchen.

We hope to reschedule the CPR instruction classes that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown... Stay tuned!

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Amy Thomas Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mollie Lambert Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Senior Ministry
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd Children Youth and Family Ministries
 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
 David Atwood Social Justice
 Taylor Houck Communications
 Caroline Bergmark Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck Fellowship
 Gabriella Young-Smith Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Godly Play, Side Oratory Chapel
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
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 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth



MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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