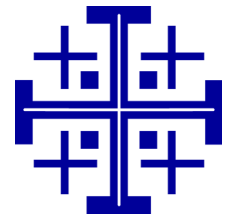




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2023

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

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked

for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:129-136 *Mirabilia*

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

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The Prayers of the People

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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/Intercessor:* Mark Fearer

Altar Guild: Diana Walker

Usher: Pierre Shostal

Flower Guild: Karen Besser

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

July 30, 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: 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, Agnes Soos, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Jane Tavernier, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, 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, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Connie Smith, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, and Ryan Willis.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Byron Hepburn, Martin Sullivan, Christopher Henry, John Lansing, Nancy Wise, Kenneth Gerhart, Julia Hunger, Kenneth Mason, Ben Wilson, Wesley Forrester, Sheila Smith, Vickie McCauley, Jeff Cook, Samantha Taggart, and Chrissy O'Donnell.

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

Those who have died: The Rev. Dr. Barbara LaToisan, Pastor, Alleyne AME Church and partner with Immanuel's prison ministry. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

NEW EASY WAY TO SIGNUP:
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](http://www.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the button above at right.

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!

Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, August 1st, Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, August 4th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

LET US CELEBRATE! A YEAR OF SOLAR POWER AT IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL *The Gift that Keeps on Giving!*

On June 7, 2023, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill passed our 1-Year Solar Anniversary, a year of public commitment to Creation Care and reducing our carbon emissions—letting our neighbors know we are true and faithful stewards of “this fragile earth, our island home” (Eucharistic Prayer C – The Great Thanksgiving- The Book of Common Prayer).

Many thanks to Doug John for leading the funding drive and to all who contributed to the purchase and installation of the solar panels. Many thanks also to our 2021 Vestry who, with the support and encouragement of Father Randy and Immanuel’s Buildings, Grounds and Creation Care group, voted to move forward with the project. There were many different reasons to vote “Yes” and to contribute that year. Some were motivated by the need to take an active and public step to reduce carbon emissions that have already drastically changed earth’s climate and accelerated dangerous weather events; others saw a chance to save money on electricity bills and to shield the church from unexpected and unwelcome electricity rate hikes. But no matter the reason, that Yes vote and the contributions of so many parishioners resulted in a gift of the solar panels to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The bullets below highlight the key findings for Immanuel’s first complete year of solar generation.

Our solar panels

- ✦ Generated 64,750 kWh of clean sustainable electricity, coming in at 99.6% of the estimated generation figure our installer, SES, gave us for the first year of operation!
- ✦ Prevented sending over 100,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions into God’s atmosphere, equivalent to
- ✦ Planting 760 new trees or
- ✦ Supplying a year of carbon-emissions-free electricity for six houses (per U.S. Energy Information Administration, average annual electricity consumption for an American household in 2021 was 10,632 kWh)
- ✦ Generated 73% of the electricity Zabriskie Chapel-Parish Hall’s needed for the year!

Cost Savings: Because our panels generated 73 percent of the electricity the building needed, Immanuel only spent \$4,118.33 – a savings of \$5,596.29 over what we spent on electricity in 2021 (\$9,714.62) and where building kWh consumption was similar for both years. Note: That savings would be even greater had not Virginia’s average electricity rates increased 20% between December 2021 and December 2022, per U.S. Energy Information Agency, (mostly due to 2022 price spikes in methane gas and coal).

Bonus – SREC Payments: In addition to electricity bill savings, by going solar, Immanuel receives approximately \$3,150/year from the Virginia Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program. We have

already received \$2,091.00 for the solar electricity generated by our panels during the first nine months and expect an additional \$1,100 for March/April/May '23 generation. When SREC earnings are applied to electricity bill .

To help illustrate annual cost savings, the chart below shows Zabriskie Parish Hall’s electricity use in kWh and Cost for 2021 and some previous years. Note that kWh consumption in 2019 is roughly similar to prior years. kWh consumption plummeted in 2020 after the March 2020 Pandemic shut-down. The building’s kWh consumption increased in 2021 and has remained roughly similar in 2022 and 2023, but still significantly under pre-Pandemic levels, probably due to less building use (fewer services and events in Zabriskie than in 2019 and prior years).

Year	kWh Used	Cost Electricity Bills	Cost with SREC Payments
First Solar 12 Months (Jun – Dec '22 and Jan-May '23)	89,380	\$4,118.33	\$968.33
2021	85,040	\$9,714.62	
2020	76,000	\$7,821.61	
2019	111,360	\$11,067.27	
2013	106,960	\$10,342.82	
2012	111,600	\$10,749.78	
2011	126,800	\$11,468.41	

Let us celebrate and cut our carbon emissions wherever and whenever we can!!!

***NEW DATES* FOR VIRTUAL TOURS**

LEARN MORE ABOUT EX-OFFENDERS TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORK OF OAR TO SUPPORT THEM

Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) is a longstanding Outreach partner of Immanuel, receiving support through our Outreach, Christmas Families, and Social Justice budgets. OAR helps prisoners and their families as they transition out of incarceration. It also administers community service programs to divert people out of the prison system. OAR staff and the people they serve have inspiring stories of lives being changed and hope being restored. You might consider registering online to take a one hour [“Virtual Tour”](#) of OAR and learn what they do. Find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, click on the blue text above and register for one of the following online virtual tours:

- August 9th @ 12 Noon
- *More dates to come!*

OAR serves Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church. For more information contact, David Atwood atwooddavid@gmail.com or Jim Snow jamesbsnow@verizon.net.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY [AUGUST 19th](#) @ 8:00 AM Held

Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, August 19th, 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 **Isaiah 42:6–9** *“I have made you a covenant of the people...to free captives who live in darkness...”* using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

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 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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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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