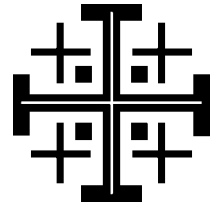




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



FAMILY SERVICE

February 20, 2022

Joy Mass, a Celebration of Eucharist 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Communion, or Mass is the normal Sunday worship for the Episcopal Church. It is one of the sacraments, a sign and symbol of the Living God. It is instituted and instructed by Jesus, ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’ It is the center of our worship, our lives, and the universe itself—God revealed in Christ, whose body and blood is given for the healing, salvation, and redemption of the world.

Prelude: Amazing Grace

Father Sam, ukulele

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Opening song: Bless the Lord, my Soul

Taizé

Father Sam

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

And blessed by God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer for Young Persons

BCP 829

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm 147:1-11

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- ⁶ The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹ He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
- ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
- ¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel, John 7:37-52 Rivers of Living Water

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem,

the village where David lived?” So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him?” The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

When God’s people gather we pray for the life of the world. Prayer is our nearness to God. Prayer is our relationship with God. Like any relationship it may be asking, thanking, speaking what we hope, and think, and dream. It may also be listening, making our hearts and minds still, as in contemplation and meditation. However you pray throughout your life, it is your part of the relationship between you and God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hold these things, which we pray for every week, in your heart, and at the end we will say together, Lord Hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole Church, and its mission to bring God’s love and peace to all people.
We pray for our Nation, and all who have authority in every nation and community.
We pray for the peace, healing, and life of the world.
We pray for those in our community, and in our lives, whose concerns are known to us.
We pray for all who suffer or are in any kind of trouble.
We pray for those who have died.

Lord Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

EOW 19

Having prayed, let us now confess our sins to God.

*God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,*

*in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.
People: ***And also with you.***

PREPARE THE TABLE

Some of those present prepare the table; the bread, the cup of wine, and other offerings, are placed upon it.

Welcome and Announcements

This service, an Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist (BCP 400), is not intended as the principal Sunday service for a community. But it is extremely useful in teaching Eucharist. Children and families who are trying to make God and Church part of your lives will find the shape of what we do here is what happens at every gathering around the Lord's Table. There is only one banquet—and we inherit this way of joining it.

If you'd like to receive, we'll form a line after the prayer. Holding out your hands with the palms up indicates you would like the common bread. Hold your hands out with your palms down will indicate you require Gluten Free communion. Crossing your arms over your chest will be the way to request a blessing. If you get up there and forget which thing you want... you're also welcome to just say. We'd rather you say than feel given the wrong thing.

MAKE EUCHARIST

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 God thanks and praise.***

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; rejecting your love and choosing to live selfishly, viewing our neighbors as strangers and enemies.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. You made a people for yourself who, at their best, would demonstrate your love and mercy for the whole world. You called from them judges, prophets, and sages who would teach your word forever.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into this human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*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.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. Sanctify this bread and wine by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. 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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ
The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Communion Song – This Little Light of Mine

Father Sam, guitar

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Musicians: The Rev. Sam Sheridan, ukulele, guitar

Flower Guild: Linda Serabian

Celebrant: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
February 20, 2022

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.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, and Lawrence.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Sandy Ford, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, Jen Orvis, Bea Paine, Phyllis Crawley, Jim Paine, Jack Haberle, Nancy Adams, Hans, Amanda, Sammie, and J.C.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Armstrong Robinson, William Latimer, Elly Parks, Kenneth Ross, Edward Burkhalter, Denise Freeland, John Walker, Teddy Yates, John Bednar, Susan Cavanaugh, Sarah Clement, Thomas Hussey, Sarah Kell, Kathy Lloyd, Spencer Wise, Harrison Clark, Jan Campbell, Betsy DeMulder, and Susan Wiard.

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 casualties and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Army Specialist Alex J. Ram, Army National Guard Specialist Dajuan Lester Townes, and Police Officer James McWhorter. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE: Get Ready! After a number of delays on the part of our contractor, Sustainable Energy Solutions (SES), we have been advised that the building permit package for the solar array installation and other elements of the system infrastructure is complete and has been submitted to the City of Alexandria for review. The City has a policy of a 30 day review of such documents, which suggests a mid-February decision on their part assuming no issues arise. The earliest the project would start is late February, and once the installation begins it should be complete in 10-14 days barring any weather delays. If past history is any indication, it will commence more than likely in March. The good news is the solar panels are in storage locally and, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have more than sufficient funds to cover the next progress payment to SES, which is due 30 days prior to installation. Answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" about the project can be found on Immanuel's website under Creation Care Ministry at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>.

Announcements

9:00 a.m., About the NEW Family Service “Joy Mass”

This brief worship service is a song or two, a reading from scripture, a children's homily, and a short Eucharist. At first we are hoping to offer this service for families:

- who have children too young to mask or vaccinate,
- who want to participate in Godly Play but also want to attend church together, and
- who don't attend in person because they're worried their children might pass germs to our older congregants.

This service will be small, the adults will be asked to be masked and socially distant, and it will be the final event in Zabriskie chapel for the day (to minimize exposure for other people who use the space).

This is all in addition to planned forum hours and the February Godly Play in-person and video offerings. If this family service continues we will make sure it never conflicts with Godly Play because part of the purpose is to serve families who may want to do both! At first we'll try it simply announcing the service, and if we need to add a reservation system to make sure we maintain social distancing, that will be a problem created by an abundant blessing and we'll be happy to adjust.

Join us for the Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II February 23rd at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD @ 6:30 PM: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY: *Just Mercy*

We continue our 9-10 week conversation on [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stephenson as the next book to help tie our Social Justice discussions with Immanuel's Criminal Justice Initiative.

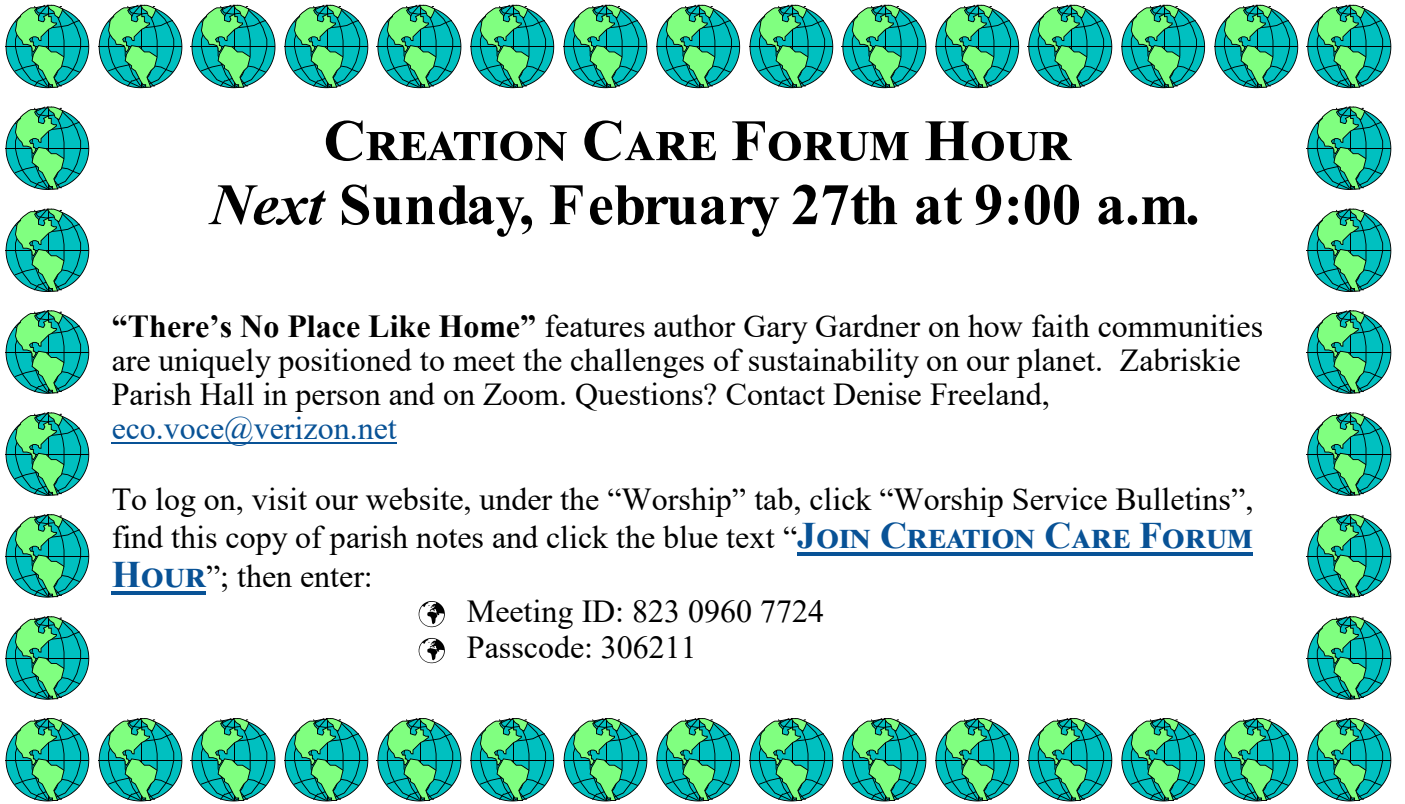
We'd love for you to join us as we explore building a vocabulary and theology around the idea that what happens to incarcerated people, both the innocent and guilty, should matter to us as Christians.

BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, February 24th @ 10:30 a.m., The Epistle of James

All are welcome to share in this exploration of James -- no prior study or participation necessary. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom -- look for login information in your weekly eBlast email

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

Evening Compline, Friday, February 25th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom



CREATION CARE FORUM HOUR

Next Sunday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m.

“There’s No Place Like Home” features author Gary Gardner on how faith communities are uniquely positioned to meet the challenges of sustainability on our planet. Zabriskie Parish Hall in person and on Zoom. Questions? Contact Denise Freeland, eco.voce@verizon.net

To log on, visit our website, under the “Worship” tab, click “Worship Service Bulletins”, find this copy of parish notes and click the blue text “[JOIN CREATION CARE FORUM HOUR](#)”; then enter:

- 🌐 Meeting ID: 823 0960 7724
- 🌐 Passcode: 306211



Two Services for ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022

Join us for Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at either of the following services:

- 12:00 p.m. Noon in Zabriskie Chapel
- 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Upcoming Lenten Series

Diving into the Lenten Word

Our Lenten series this year will be exploring, in depth, the Scripture readings of the five Sundays in Lent. The preacher of the day will lead the discussion, allowing lots of time for questions, responses, and musings. Though this may sound a bit like a Bible Study, the difference will be that we’ll be exploring the context more fully, musing about the authors of the lessons, while also hearing from the preacher about their process as they wrote the sermon.

We’ll gather at 9:15a.m. in Zabriskie Parish Hall each Sunday in Lent, both in person and online. We will miss you if you aren’t there.

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Rachel Wilson Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
The Rev. Sam Sheridan Register (nonvoting member)

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
 9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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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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