



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 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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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace;
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: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before

him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and

Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

The Nicene Creed

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Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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

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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

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.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If you would only like to receive the consecrated Bread please extend one hand. Crossed hands indicate you would like to receive consecrated Wine as well, either intincted (dipped) by you or by drinking from the chalice. The glass chalice is for intinction and the silver one is for drinking. If you are physically unable to receive at the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion bought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Dorothy Kellogg and David Lindsey in loving memory of James Cornell Kellogg and Dianne Cartledge Lindsey

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Linda Donahue
Usher: Dodd Sims
Altar Guild: Diana Walker
Flower Guild: Martha Shimkin
Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

Annual Meeting Sunday



Join us in the Parish Hall for our
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING *TODAY* @ 9:15 a.m.
with **festive reception**
All are encouraged to attend and participate.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 29, 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.

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: Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, and Margaret Stockton.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John and Alice Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Connie Smith; Salih, Zeyneb, and Elif Sayilgan; Dave and Betsy Fox Berry; and Betty Harris.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Susan Gould, David Ingold, the Rev. Susan D. Parsons, Lynn Gas, Susan Post, Karen Bastow, Charles Calloway, Caroline Conrad, Jim Luft, Josephine Forester, Matthew McCann, Nicole Veri, Gabriella Young-Smith, and John Wagner.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, 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: Lynn Bergman Dutton, mother of Jim Clausen, mother-in-law of Lisa Clausen, and grandmother to Emily, James, Lily, Hillary and Ned; and the victims of the mass shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay, California. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services

Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer on one of four sign-up sheets, which can be found near the main door of each chapel. During the week, these rosters live just outside of Mother Susan's office in the basement of Zabriskie Chapel.

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 @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel: All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints of the Church is commemorating.

**Wednesday Evening Eucharist, February 1st
@ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Our Weekly Bible Study, Thursday, February 2nd @ 10:30 a.m.
CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

Evening Compline, Friday, February 3rd, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

ALIVE! is an inter faith nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting poverty and hunger in the City of Alexandria. Immanuel on-the-Hill is one of the congregations responsible for **collecting food in the month of January**. ALIVE! provides food for thousands of families throughout Alexandria with sites in high-need neighborhoods.

Please drop-off donations of non-perishable, medium sized, non-expired food items in the **black bin** located in the narthex of Zabriskie Chapel or the box at Immanuel Chapel. Monetary donations are also very helpful because they allow Alive! to purchase fresh meat, eggs and produce. Checks can be brought to the church office or sent to the ALIVE! office at 2723 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302. You can also donate online at www.alive-inc.org



NEW THIS YEAR, “SOUP”ER BOWL!

For the first two weeks in February, we will collect cans of soup for Alive! Currently, we don't know which NFL teams will be playing on February 12th. Once decided, there will be two team bins in each narthex until the big game! Place your donations of soup in the bin of the team who you think will be the Super Bowl champion!

Let's see if we can collectively predict the winner as well as help feed our hungry neighbors!

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS!

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill will celebrate **Scout Sunday** *next week* on **February 5** at the 10:30 AM service.

We're asking all Scouts from Immanuel to dress in uniform and participate in the service. This includes **all** **Daisies, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts**. We encourage any adults who are former Scouts to wear their achievement pins as well.

Scouts and leaders from BSA Troop 131 - the troop now chartered by Immanuel - will join us for the service.

Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, February 7th @ 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month: virtually on the 1st Tuesday online via Zoom, and normally host a **hybrid meeting in the Parish Hall (and online) on the 3rd Tuesday** — both days we meet from 7-8 pm; however, this week we will meet virtually.

The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book, currently *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas.

As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material. If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst (Dana.Hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com), or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

BROWN BAG LUNCHEON: Wednesday, February 8th, Zabriskie Parish Hall. As always, please contact Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to RSVP or if you need a ride to church.

GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON: Our regular *third* Wednesday luncheon at Goodwin House Alexandria is offered at noon in the Fillmore Room, February 15th. Come and join Immanuel clergy for either lunch. RSVP for lunch to the Rev. Susan Parsons at sparsons@icoh.net.

UPCOMING SUNDAY FORUM HOUR: FEBRUARY 12TH, 12 NOON, IMMANUEL CHAPEL

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist during coffee hour for the forum hour *The Role of Faith in Troubling Times*, with guest speaker The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade.

For more information, contact David Atwood at David_Atwood@hotmail.com.



As of January 22nd, we have 140 pledges totaling \$648,242. We have four easy ways to pledge:

- 1) dropping your pledge card in the offering plate,
- 2) mailing it back to the office,
- 3) pledging online through our website, or
- 4) contacting our Treasurer, Tom Hewson, at 703.370.6555 ext. 208, or thewson@icoh.net.

MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) UPDATE

Now that the pandemic has subsided, just to let you know the Immanuel MOW ministry has been up and running for the past 3 months. We are in need of additional volunteers as some of our veterans have left the rolls of drivers and deliverers. The mission of MOW is simple, to deliver wholesome meals to seniors and other homebound folks in Alexandria who are otherwise unable to venture out and shop or are resource-limited. The effort is sponsored by the Senior Services Center of Alexandria; the meals are provided by Jeffrey's Catering on Wheeler Avenue. This ministry requires 2 hours a month; Immanuel participates on the third Friday of every month. Typically, MOW Teams consist of a driver and a deliverer. If you are interested, please contact Doug Henry at ddhenry1@gmail.com or capture his attention after church.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel, Side Oratory Chapel
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

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

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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