

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**March 28, 2021**

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**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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, and Dick Hobson.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Sue Gildersleeve, Kristin Whitman, David Atwood, Barbara Ramsdell, Ashlei Pujara, Matthew Shallbetter, Joseph Sullivan, Billie Tyler, Kathryn Jackson Haskin, Will Ashton, Melissa Ennis, Caro Page, Ian Donahue, and Jay Hambrick.

**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, 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, Mary Lou Johnston, 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, Suzanne Prendergast, 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, Andy MacLeod, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Karl Kadish, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, and Victoria Dearborn.

**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.

**Those who have recently died:** The Rev. Dr. Bill Dols, Ronald J. Pollock, Atlanta and Colorado Shooting Victims, Air Force Staff Sergeant Will Gonzalez, U.S. Navy Torpedoman’s Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer Manuel Julian Jr., Army Sergeant Monesha L. Burton, and Police Officer Eric Talley. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## **NOONDAY PRAYER SERVICE WITH HOMILY BY FATHER SAM**

**Monday -Wednesday: LIVE @ 12:00 p.m. via Facebook:** Looking to deepen your engagement this final week of Lent with prayer? Please join Father Sam at noon on Immanuel’s public Facebook page. We will learn about the saint that the Church celebrates on that day, followed by a **An Order of Service for Noonday**. Bulletins for all three services are found on the Worship Service Bulletin page under the “Worship” tab at the top of our landing page on our [website HERE](#).



# Announcements

## Collect Palms and Sing Hosanna!

Plan to pick up palms, greet our parish community, and bring your children to a story time at our "open garden" between **12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.**, after today's virtual worship service.

### **PICK UP PALMS AT ZABRISKIE, ANYTIME BETWEEN 12:00 NOON AND 1:30 P.M.**

Rain/sleet/snow or a sunny gorgeous day, your clergy and vestry will hand palms through car windows at the Zabriskie half circle or meet you at the gardens if you are parking to get outside. Invite friends, Seminary friends and family, and the broader community to pick up palms as we reach out to all in a safe way, share blessings and enter into Holy Week.

### **HOST SOCIALLY DISTANCED GREETING PODS, ANYTIME BETWEEN 12:00 NOON AND 2:00 P.M.**

Weather permitting, family-and-friend pods are welcome to park at Zabriskie and find a place in the gardens to stand or sit and greet others from a socially distanced, safe spot. Use your own creativity to wave palms, match t-shirts, wear hats, or whatever you want to do to give each other a greeting and a boost. Bring your own chair or let us know if you need a chair waiting for you.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL/GODLY PLAY STORY TIME AT 12:30 TO 1:00 P.M.**

Weather permitting, children are welcome to join at the Zabriskie deck, safely distanced, to hear the Bible story of Palm Sunday read by some Immanuel Super Stars. Wear your masks and bunny ears, bring your friends.



## **Sign Up for MAUNDY THURSDAY OVERNIGHT PRAYER VIGIL April 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel**

*"Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:40*

Please join those from Immanuel and the community by giving one hour to create an unbroken prayer vigil before the Altar of Repose. This is a time when we reflect upon and remember our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane through the time of his arrest and trial before his crucifixion. This time could be used for prayer, reading Scripture, or quiet reflection.

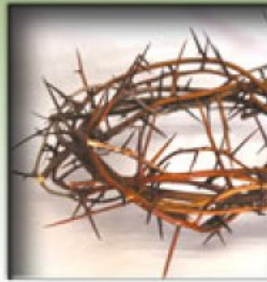
The Vigil begins Maundy Thursday, April 1, following the Maundy Thursday worship service, at the Altar of Repose in Zabriskie Chapel, and continues until Friday, April 2 at noon, prior to the Good Friday worship service.

Please sign up by [clicking the blue text](#) while viewing this bulletin online to serve for one hour — only two people are permitted inside of the Chapel at the same time.





# Holy Week Schedule



## **Palm Sunday, March 28: *Sing Hosanna with Immanuel* at 12 Noon**

All are invited to bring your pod (and pod friends!), collect your palms at the Zabriskie half circle, and then stay for a socially distanced time of fellowship, music, and storytelling outdoors in the Zabriskie Chapel gardens (weather permitting)

## **NOONDAY PRAYER SERVICE WITH HOMILY BY FATHER SAM, March 29, 30, and 31**

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## **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1**

7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Zabriskie Chapel  
Broadcast on Immanuel's YouTube channel

## **Thursday - Friday All-night Vigil**

Altar of Repose, Zabriskie Chapel  
Begins after the Maundy Thursday service and lasts until noon on Friday.  
Please sign up here to serve one hour (two people permitted at a time in the Chapel)

## **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

Noon, Liturgy for Good Friday, Grove at VTS (weather permitting)

7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, VTS Chapel Memorial Garden (weather permitting)

7:00 p.m., Video presentation of Stations of the Cross on Immanuel's YouTube channel for those who cannot attend the outdoor service

## **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

The Feast of the Resurrection

10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist outdoor worship at the Grove at VTS (weather permitting)

An Easter egg hunt follows the worship service, in the VTS Chapel Memorial Garden (weather permitting).



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS: Free Video and Reflection Guide



The devotion known as The Way of the Cross is an adaptation of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death. This practice is also known as Stations of the Cross.

The Department of Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary is pleased to offer a video version of [The Way of the Cross](#) and a reflection guide in both English and Spanish. Through scripture, art, and music, the video invites us to walk with Christians of every generation on a virtual pilgrimage, meditating on our Lord's passion and death. Permission is granted for unlimited use of this video, so click on the blue text or image to

visit this presentation online, or enter this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk> Here's the link to the [reflection guide](https://buildfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The-Way-of-the-Cross-Discussion-Guide.pdf): <https://buildfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The-Way-of-the-Cross-Discussion-Guide.pdf>

The liturgy for this devotional multimedia experience comes from the Book of Occasional Services. The artwork is Margaret Adams Parker's Stations of the Cross Paintings (2019), and the music is composed by Marty Wheeler Burnett (©2020 St. James Music Press).

## Upcoming Forum Hours in April: EYC (April 11) and Social Justice (April 18)



Please join us after worship for two exciting forum hours the two Sundays after Easter.

On April 11, the EYC will preview for us the kinds of things they do together and grapple with as young Christians trying to understand and live out their faith.

On April 18, we'll have a report by several people who have been involved in the new Social Justice ministry started last summer, have a discussion and Q & A regarding social justice, and look towards social justice plans for the next few months.



### A CALL TO PRAYER FOLLOWING THE MASS SHOOTING IN BOULDER, COLORADO

The slaughter yesterday of ten members of God's beloved family in Boulder, Colorado, breaks our hearts once more. It was the seventh mass shooting in the past seven days, beginning with the killing of eight in Atlanta last Tuesday. We pray for those who were killed, for those who were injured, for first responders and all who continue to respond, for the families and friends of those killed or injured, and for the shooter. We pray for just and equitable laws to end the scourge of gun violence in our nation. We pray for all who experience grief, loss and anxiety in this time of multiple pandemics of virus, racism and violence.

*Almighty God, look with compassion upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them and give them your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* -- The Book of Common Prayer, p. 467

*O Lord, our God, victim of violence on a cross,  
look with compassion upon all involved in shootings this week  
in America and around the world.  
Receive into the arms of you love those who have died.  
Comfort those traumatized by these horrendous events.  
Wrap your Everlasting Arms around those who mourn.  
Heal those whose hearts and minds are terrorized.  
Strengthen those medical personnel who minister to the wounded.  
Protect the law enforcement officials to risk their lives for our safety.  
Calm all whose memories of violence are triggered by this shooting.  
Bring the gunmen to repentance and redemption,  
and deal tenderly with his confused family and friends.  
Hear our cries of lament as we seek to understand the incomprehensible,  
and deliver us from the evil of violence in any form.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.*

-- From the United Methodist Church Litany on the Tragedy of Gun Violence



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David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
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Brooke Roberts	Communications
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Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Dana Wilkie	Outreach
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)

### ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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### RECTOR EMERITI

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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