



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#) and [Enriching Our Worship](#).

A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building (to the right as you face the organ); restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.

Prelude: Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Opening Hymn 657: “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hyfrydol

from The Hymnal 1982

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| <p>1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.</p> | <p>2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.</p> |
| <p>3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.</p> | |

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 544: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"

from The Hymnal 1982

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| <p>1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> | <p>2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.</p> |
| <p>3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.</p> | |

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

"Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

After the words “God of all Mercy,”
the congregation responds with “*Hear our prayer.*”

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Clergy: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: "Cold Jordan"

Fred Rich

The Shrinemonters

Oh sinner as you tread on life's journey, take Jesus as your daily guide,
Though you may feel pure and saintly, without Him walking by your side,
But when you come to make the crossing at the ending of the pilgrim's way,
If you ever will need your savior, you will surely need him on that day.

Chorus

*Now look at that cold Jordan, look at its deep water, Look at that wide river, oh hear the mighty billows roll,
You better take Jesus with you, he's a true companion, Oh I'm sure without him that you never will make it o'er.*

That awful day of judgement is coming in the by and by,
We'll see our Lord descending in glory from on high,
Oh, let us keep in touch with Jesus and in the special love of God,
We may be ever call ready when he calls us over Jordan's tide. *Chorus*

Now what you gonna do, oh what you gonna say?
Oh how you gonna feel, when you come to the end of the way?

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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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.***

The Celebrant proceeds:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies,
suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

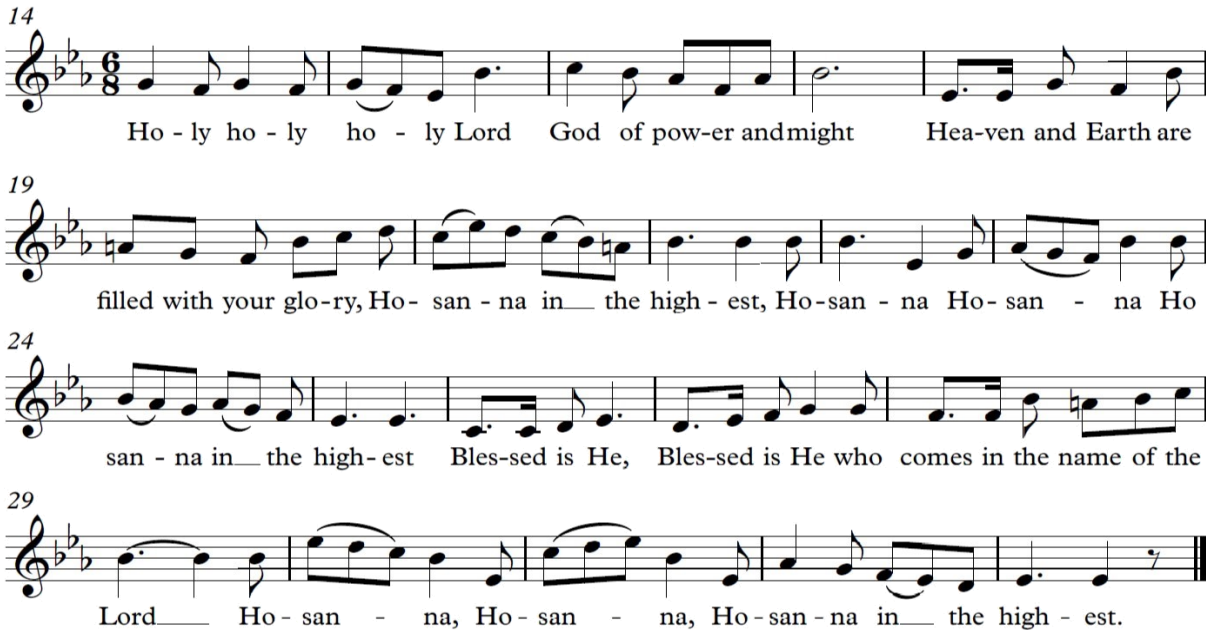
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory,
reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and be-
trayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your
righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
***By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (from *A Mass for Immanuel*)

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Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

19
filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

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san - na in the high- est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

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Lord Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen*

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

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Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world.

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world.

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Have mercy, Have mercy, Have mercy upon us.

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

We are now able to offer Communion in both kinds.

*To receive the consecrated Bread only, kindly extend one outstretched hand, palm up.
To receive the consecrated Bread intincted in the Wine, please extend both hands, palms up.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: "Let your blessed love surround me"

Paul Smyth

THE SHRINEMONTERS

Hymn 498: "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

St. Christopher

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha-dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
the — won - ders of re - deem - ing love and — my un - wor - thi - ness.
my — sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my — glo - ry all the cross.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn 598: "Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth" *from The Hymnal 1982* *Mit Freuden zart*



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Postlude: Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

***The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and
in celebration of Dagobert and Lissa Soergel's golden wedding anniversary.***



SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: ***Readers:*** Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Julie Bruns

Intercessor: Sudie McGahuey

Musicians: Dr. J. Brooks Kuykendall, organ and piano

THE SHRINE MONTERS: Mike Eckel (banjo),
Jamie Conrad (bass)
Jeannie Cummins Eisenhower (soprano),
Amanda Eisenhower (soprano),
Doug John (guitar),
Sudie McGahuey (alto),
Paul Smyth (guitar)

Audio-Visual: John Bednar, Doug Onley, The Rev. Jan A. Maas

Altar Guild: Sudie McGahuey

Flower Guild: Linda Serabian

Ushers: David Lambert, Molli Lambert

Vestry Greeter and Counter: Kristi Kubista-Hovis

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

July 24, 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Pam Willard, Sughra Bakhtiari, Zuzanna Knypinski Wise, John Wise, Breanné Barnes, and John Corbett.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Amanda Arnaud, Sarah Minor, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Scott DeVight, Reagan, Waide Egenger, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, Linda and Cy Murphy, Molly Grey, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Louise Jackson, Jimmy Young, Margaret Chenoweth, Ryan, Scott Allison, Joseph Fabian, Baldemar “Balde” Balcarcel, Lydia, and Candy Morgan.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Will Henry, Edward King, Biz Van Gelder, C.T. Forrester, Paige Packard, Alison Rhoades, Eliza Fite, Diana Beckmann, Steve Brown, Alex Lansing, Jackson Lansing, Eneida Balcarcel, Joseph Ford, Kathleen Ford, Corey Wargo-Bergmark, Darrell Wilson, Byron Hepburn, and Martin Sullivan.

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 we recently learned have died: Paul F. Goree III, Army National Guard Sergeant Alex Rios Rodriguez, and Navy Midshipman Second Class Luke Gabriel Bird.

Weekday Service Opportunities

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II, July 27th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

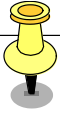
BIBLE STUDY Thursday, June 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

A STUDY OF PETER AND JOHN

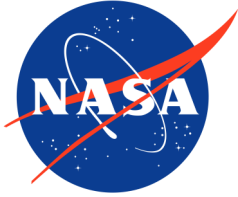
Online via Zoom (see your weekly eBlast for details)

Evening Compline, Friday, July 29th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Announcements



Senior Adult Ministry EVENTS



Houston, we have a podcast...the official podcast of the NASA Johnson Space Center. Or, how about Grandpa and Chill. Or ArtCurious on the cursed terra-cotta army. Or hear Archbishop of Canterbury Welby talk about suspicious joy on Everything Happens!

There is a world of interesting things to listen to when you are taking yourself or your dog for a walk, working in your garden, or your eyes are too tired to read. Come and join the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag lunch this **Tuesday, July 26 at 12:15p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Get started on podcasts or share your favorites.

Bring a bag lunch and we'll supply beverages and dessert, or sit at a non-eating table and keep your mask on. It's all good! No reservations needed and no cost. Bring a friend! Call or email Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com if you have questions.



We are sorry to announce that our monthly luncheon at Goodwin House - Alexandria will not be held this month due to restrictions that have closed the dining rooms. We plan to resume next month, with lunch on **Wednesday August 17** and look forward to seeing everyone then.

Sacred Ground



SACRED GROUND: Consider Joining Others this September in this Faith-Based Program of the Episcopal Church on Race, Identity, Family, and History

Immanuel's third offering of Sacred Ground will start in September with the first of eleven biweekly sessions and a newly revised curriculum, to be facilitated by Diocesan facilitators Chrissie Crosby and Lynn Rohrs. Please consider signing up for the next Sacred Ground dialogue circle as a way to explore issues of race, identify, our nation's history and our own family stories in a trusting, affirming environment open to all points of view and experience.

We expect to meet biweekly, probably on Monday evenings, beginning September 12 and finishing in early 2023. More details are available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/> or from talking to past participants Katherine Smith, Mary Ann Ring, Marilyn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel. Please contact [David Atwood](#) or [Kathryn Haskin](#) with any questions or to express interest. Thank you.

Christmas Families in August 2022: Haiti and Alexandria

FINAL TWO WEEKS: We have two more weeks to adopt a family and that we have one large family with five children in need — perhaps two parish families can partner and sign up together. Help children with school supplies - critical tools for learning!

It is hard to learn to write if you do not have a pencil. God means for every child to have a pencil so they can learn and develop to their full potential, and He asks for our help to get there. This is a larger issue of social justice. Education is supposed to be the great equalizer in society, but as of now it is not. Rich children have pencils, poor children do not. There are many factors that make educational opportunities unequal, so education, rather than giving everyone an equal chance, actually cements inequality in society.

To make real strides towards more equality requires systemic change, including high-quality preschool for all children. Immanuel has contributed to this goal, but larger impact requires more government action. As Christians in the world we can work on influencing government.

There also small things we can do. In Christmas Families in August we work through the Alexandria Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide school supplies to children in need.

There are two ways you can help:

(1) Sign up to provide school supplies for the children in one family identified by DHS, after each service between Sunday, June 12, and Sunday, July 24. The sign-up boards will be in the narthex of Zabriskie Chapel during the week. We will give you a yellow instruction sheet with the children's names and all the information you need.

Or email <ds@dsoergel.com> or <serabian@somaarchitects.com> to arrange for selecting a family.

Bring the backpacks to the church or the office on or before Sunday, August 7 to be blessed at the altar. Unassigned school supplies, especially backpacks (new or lightly used) are also welcome.

(2) You can donate money through the special on Sunday, August 15.

Please make checks out to ICOH and mark them XFAM. The money will go to

the **Haiti Micah project** (50%) and to

Community Lodgings (25%) and **Human Services in Alexandria**. (25%).

The **Haiti Micah Project (HMP)** is one of Immanuel's major international outreach ministries; it serves impoverished children in Mirebalais, Haiti. For these children, education offers the only path out of extreme poverty. In Haiti, there is no free public education. Therefore, HMP provides educational stipends (currently for 152 children, including 22 in its orphanage) including tuition, school supplies, and uniforms. With the support of churches like Immanuel, these children have the opportunity to become contributing members of their society.

Former rector, the late Rev. Bill Dols, once told me "Christmas Families is a ministry of things". It is that, but it is so much more. It provides things that empower and lift the spirit, tools for learning that **send children off to a good start in the new school year.**

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

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