



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

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### Holy Eucharist Rite II, 6:30 p.m.

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**Prelude:** I call to thee Lord, Jesus Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand during silent processional.*

**Opening Hymn 637:** "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord" *from* The Hymnal 1982

*Lyons*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

### The Collect for Ash Wednesday

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Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

### Kyrie S96 "Lord, have mercy"

*found in the front of* The Hymnal 1982

Franz Peter Schubert

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 103: *Benedic, anima mea***

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**The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see -- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn 646:** "The King of love my shepherd is"

*from* The Hymnal 1982

*Dominus regit me*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

### **Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent**

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*All stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying:*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

### **Imposition of Ashes**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**The Litany of Penitence** (*Please kneel as you are able.*)

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**The Absolution**

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## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## Welcome

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem:** “Jesus, lover of my soul”

*text by* Charles Wesley

Philip Stopford

### The Immanuel Choir

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am;  
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart;  
rise to all eternity.

**Presentation Hymn 439:** “What wondrous love is this” verse 1

*from* The Hymnal 1982

*Wondrous Love*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 him thanks and praise.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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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*

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Agnus Dei S164*

*(found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Franz Peter Schubert

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

*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 come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

**Communion Hymn 653:** "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

*from The Hymnal 1982*

*Repton*

## 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 142:** “Lord, who throughout these forty days”

*from The Hymnal 1982*

*St. Flavian*

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** ***Crucifer:*** Daisy Colón  
***Acolyte:*** Janettarose Greene  
***Reader:*** Candy Levin  
***Musicians:*** The Immanuel Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier  
***Usher:*** Marcus Rarick  
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**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

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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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