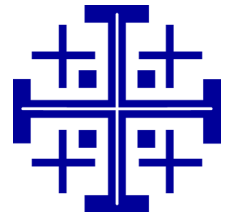




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People: *His mercy endureth for ever.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord
Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. p. 343

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II p. 340

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 p. 334

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

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.

We will receive Communion in a circle around the Altar, symbolizing our oneness in Christ as a community. Please follow the directions of the ushers, and remain in the circle after you have received until everyone has received. The group will then leave the circle together.

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.

Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing, are offered next to the pulpit during Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader/Intercessor: Linda Donahue

Altar Guild: Candace Quinlan

Usher: Doug Henry

Coffee Hour Host: Martha Shimkin

Vestry Greeter/ Counter: Brian Rush

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 25, 2024

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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card 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: Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Johnson/Gildersleeve Family, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Lysbeth, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Pamela, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, Roger, Bridget Rice Rose, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Brother Efrain Sosu, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: John Walker, Teddy Yates, John Bednar, Susan Cavanaugh, Sarah Clement, Thom Hussey, Sarah Kell, Kathy Lloyd, Spencer Wise, Jan Campbell, Betsy DeMulder, Susan Wiard, Holden Rush, Arthur Braun, Juliet Houck, Len Lynch Jr., Keith June, Sharon Weiss, Sampson Robinson, and Stephanie Scharnweber.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Those who have died: Paul Gandee, brother-in-law of Marcus Rarick. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Forum Hour TODAY:
11:45 a.m.
The Welcome Center

A Living Relationship with God: Praying Day by Day
A Lenten Series

Examining the Classic Spiritual Disciplines

led by **The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade**



An Invitation to Silent Prayer

On February 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th, the Parish and the Seminary will jointly offer an opportunity to discover the practice of silent prayer, on Wednesday evenings from 5:15- 6:00p.m. in the Oratory, Immanuel Chapel. All are welcome to participate.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday February 27th, Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, February 28th, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, February 29th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, March 1st, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 --10:25a.m, in the Oratory at Immanuel Chapel! (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. Grown-ups and siblings are also welcome!

ATTENTION GODLY PLAY FAMILIES: Godly Play will return to Immanuel Chapel starting **today at 10:30 a.m.** We will meet in the Octagon Room right after the Children's Chapel program. When Godly Play is over the children will be escorted to the main service or to the nursery. We are making this change in response to attendance patterns and survey responses.

Your child is welcome to attend both Children's Chapel and Godly Play. Questions? Contact Sarah Glassco directly at glasscos@gmail.com

Thank you,
Godly Play Storytellers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENT

February 27 FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH Followed by VIDEO: Our brown bag lunch will feature a video from Virginia Theological Seminary called *Jen Fischer in Navajoland*. Please join us to watch the video and talk further about the concept of ministry across cultures.

We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 27, in the Parish Hall. Luncheon will begin at 12:15p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30 p.m.. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad and Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.



Caring for Our Gardens - Opportunity on March 2nd

Join the merry band of volunteers to help prepare our grounds for spring on Saturday, March 2nd between 9 a.m. and 1p.m. No garden skills necessary, and tasks will include things from stick pick up and raking to weeding and mulching. All ages welcome, gloves and your own small garden tools are helpful but not necessary.

Contact Sarah Glassco or Kathryn Jackson Haskin with questions or just show up that day. Please note that if it's too cold or too rainy, we'll move the work day and time to Saturday, March 9th.

AV VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENT AND EASTERTIDE

- ◄ We ask you to serve just one Sunday a month at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist.
- ◄ Aged 15+
- ◄ Necessary skills include basic computer skills (knowledge of how to turn on and off computers) and a strong interest in learning.

If interested, please email Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net), or visit the AV room to sign up.

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: [MARCH-APRIL](#)

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services for [March — through Lent and Easter](#) — and April ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**



Please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button at left](#). **If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Lenten season and Easter only.**

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. **THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

Want to Become a Lay Reader? **Lector Training TODAY @ 11:45 a.m.**

We'll return to hosting brief Lector Training sessions each Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel. The purpose is to enhance sound quality of the service and to make sure readers are comfortable, announce, and are prepared to serve. Those who have read before but want pointers on how to project their specific voice should feel free to join us. Send your questions and/or express your interest via email at tmartin@icoh.net, and Tamika Martin or Steven Denlinger will contact you directly. You can also sign up via the QR code at right.



Lay Reader Training

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton and Phillip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children Youth and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Phillip Brown Fellowship
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Stayanoff, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar and Communications

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 9:00 a.m. 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

Online

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PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 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

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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