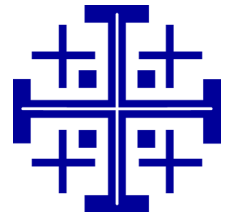




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023

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

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 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him

The Word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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.

The word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no

one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

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

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People: Form I p. 383

Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 331

Welcome and Announcements

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.*

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.

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader: Linda Donahue

Altar Guild: Diana Walker

Usher: Doug Henry

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons



Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall immediately after this Eucharist.

FORUM HOUR Lenten Series TODAY @11:45 a.m., Immanuel Chapel

“The Journey of Prayer”

The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D. is an Episcopal priest and the Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) since August 2007. A trained Christian Ethicist and award-winning Biblical Scholar, Markham is a prolific author and editor of numerous books, including: *Against Atheism:*

Why Dawkins, Hitchens, and Harris Are Fundamentally Wrong; An Introduction to Ministry: A Primer for Renewed Life and Leadership in Mainline Protestant Congregations; An Introduction to Said Nursi: Life, Thoughts, and Writings; A World Religions Reader; Do Morals Matter?; The New Apologetics: At the Intersection of Secularism, Science, and Spirituality; Prophetic Preaching: The Hope or the Curse of the Church?; Reasonable Radical?: Reading the Writings of Martyn Percy, Understanding Christian Doctrine; and Words That Listen: A Literary Companion to the Lectionary.



All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
March 5, 2023

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: Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony Rogers, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Nancy Wise, and Mary Ann Rehnke.



PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, 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, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Harris, the Rev. Tracy Baker, and Joseph Fabian.



Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Thomas Cuddy, Carole Phillips, Sanjiv Augustine, Michelle Cook, Lily Hunt, Matt Haskin, Tony Rogers, Arthur Dawkins, Rob Johnson, Louisa Smucker, and Cynthia Morton.



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



Those who have died: Lisle Wade, brother of the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade . *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*






 **Creation Care NEWS Alert** 

 Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth.” <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html> 



March 15th Senior Ministry Luncheon CANCELED

The Senior Ministry and Adult Fellowship Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at Goodwin House Alexandria has been canceled. All seniors are encouraged to join the Clergy for a fellowship luncheon **next month on Wednesday, April 19th** at 12 noon in the Fillmore Room. For nonresidents, the cost is \$17. To RSVP, contact Mother Susan directly at sparsons@icoh.net or call the parish office and ask for extension #202.

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 the Church is commemorating.

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist, March 8th
@6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study, Thursday, March 9th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Evening Compline, Friday, March 10th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, March 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 via Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7-8 p.m.

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).



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!

Saturday, March 18th @ 8:00 AM: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY by Zoom

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, March 18th, the third Saturday. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme this year is ***Freedom***; this month we will read **Romans 6:13b - 23** "***...you are the slave of him you obey...now you are set free from sin and bound to the service of God...***", using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND COMMITTALS

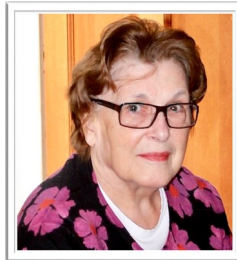
Thursday, March 16th



MARGARET C. STOCKTON

Funeral @ 11:00 a.m., Immanuel Chapel
Reception @ 12:15 p.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Saturday, March 18th



LYNN BERGMAN DUTTON

Funeral @ 11:30 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel,
immediately followed by Committal, Zabriskie Memorial Garden
Reception @12:45 p.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Friday, March 24th



MARY PAGE FOX

Committal @ 2:00 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery



Would you like to read part of the Passion Reading this Palm Sunday? Few need to come to the altar, as most simply stand where they are seated and read loudly. This year, Agnes Soos created a 16pt.-font large print edition of our **April 2nd** reading from Matthew. **New members are encouraged to participate!** Simply contact the office at apowell@icoh.net, and Mother Susan will be in touch with you soon. Thank you.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Amy Thomas Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mollie Lambert Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Senior Ministry
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd Children Youth and Family Ministries
 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
 David Atwood Social Justice
 Taylor Houck Communications
 Caroline Bergmark Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck Fellowship
 Gabriella Young-Smith Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar

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

Online

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PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
 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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