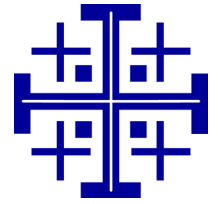




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 9:00 a.m.

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

Today, the first Sunday in Lent, we begin the liturgy with The Great Litany. Dating to 1544, the Litany was the first liturgical rite translated into the English language, and has become a global tradition of the Anglican Church. The Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People, and the Confession are omitted today, as they are covered by the various petitions of the Litany.

THE GREAT LITANY

found in The Book of Common Prayer

p. 148

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

p. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

The Collect for Purity

p. 355

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.***

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 679: "Surely it is God who saves me"

Thomas Merton

from The Hymnal 1982

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.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S130 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

***Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!***

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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 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 Anthem: “A new commandment I give unto you”

Richard Shepherd

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
if you have love for one another.

-- John 13: 34, 35

Sung, if needed

Hymn 671: “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound”

verses 1,3, and 5

New Britain

found in The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 544: “Jesus shall reign where'er the sun”

from The Hymnal 1982

Duke Street

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: ***Reader:*** Reggie Hayes
Psalm Leader: Chip Coakley
Musicians: The Immanuel Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier
Ushers: Tom Kerns, Marcus Rarick
Vestry Greeter/Counter: Caroline Bergmark
Godly Play: Sarah Glassco, Rayna Johnson
Audio-Visual: Tameka Martin
Coffee Hour Host: Alisa Biache
Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 18, 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, Joseph, Kenny, Susan Kernan, 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: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, David Craig, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Gladys, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Mike Krieger, Ann Langdon-Days, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Sue Rehnke, Roger, Bridget Rice Rose, George Rustigian, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Bill Bertles, Sue Hurn, Ariyani Balcarcel, Rollin Huntington, Pierre Shostal, Armstrong Robinson, William Latimer, Elly Parks, Edward Burkhalter III, Denise Freeland,

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: Mike Krieger, mentor and friend of Jackie Rustigian; and Dolores Hawvermale, longtime client and friend of David Lindsey. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Forum Hour TODAY: *A Living Relationship with God: Praying Day by Day*
11:45 a.m. *A Lenten Series*
The Welcome Center

Early Monastic Prayer in the Desert: *'The Desert Fathers' Wisdom on Repetition, Silence and Distractions in Prayer*, led by **The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley**



An Invitation to Silent Prayer

On February 21st, 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 20th, Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, February 21st, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, February 22nd @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 23rd, 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

ATTENTION GODLY PLAY FAMILIES: Godly Play will return to Immanuel Chapel starting **next Sunday 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 Storyteller and Greeter will meet the children in the hallway outside of the Oratory Chapel when that program is over at 10:30a.m. Your child is welcome to attend both programs. When Godly Play is over the teachers will escort the children back to the service or to the nursery, whichever the parent has requested. We are making this change in response to the attendance patterns and survey responses, which indicate that most families would prefer to have Godly Play at the later time. Questions? Contact Sarah Glassco directly at glasscos@gmail.com

Thank you,
Godly Play Storytellers

A Liturgy in Thanksgiving for the Life of

FRANCES JOHNSON

Saturday, February 24, 2024



12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Funeral immediately followed by reception in the Parish Hall.

INQUIRERS' CLASS FORMING: Have you never been Confirmed? Are you interested in being Received into the Episcopal Church? Might you want to re-affirm your faith in a public way? All of these will be possible as Immanuel has its Bishop's visitation on Sunday, April 28th. Our youth confirmation class has just begun, and we are now gathering adults who would be interested in learning more about living the Christian faith within the Anglican tradition. Please contact Fr. Randy directly if you are interested: ralexander@icoh.net or 703.370.6555 ext.#201

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS -FEBRUARY

February 21 THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE: Please join us for luncheon and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be February 21. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

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.



The Christ Church Refugee Ministry is seeking new volunteers to serve in various roles, including care team members who befriend and mentor a newly arrived family, and workgroup members, who use their area of expertise to assist families with housing, budgeting, job searching, resume writing, or practicing English. This ministry especially needs help supporting the new Afghan asylum seekers crossing the southern border. If you are interested in learning more, please email whitneymallorty@gmail.com.

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: FEBRUARY –MARCH

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services for February and March — through Lent and Easter — ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**



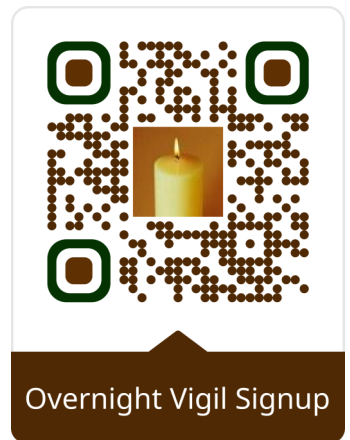
Please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button at left](#). **If you're a student — or planning Summer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

MAUNDY THURSDAY OVERNIGHT VIGIL SIGNUP

Immediately following the end of our Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Choir, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar, we will keep watch during our Overnight Prayer Vigil at the **ALTAR OF REPOSE**, The Oratory (*Side Chapel*) at Immanuel Chapel.

We hope to have every single slot filled this year. We ask that you please scan the barcode at right to sign up for one or several slots). Thank you and God be with you during your watch.



ALIVE! Thanks Immanuel

In the month of January (and extending 2weeks into February for the *SOUP-er Bowl*), Immanuel donated 501 pounds of food to ALIVE! ...And we correctly guessed the winner of the Super Bowl! What an exciting game was played Congratulations to both the Chiefs and the 49ers!!

Our next month to donate food will be June 2024.



Lay Reader Training

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, annunciate, and are prepared to serve. Those who have read before but want pointers on how to project their specific voice in a slightly echo-y spacious chapel, 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 signup via the QR code at left.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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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

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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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