



**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
Episcopal/Anglican  
Alexandria, Virginia



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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 21, 2024**

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

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**Prelude:** Allegro

Giuseppe Doménico Scarlatti

**Opening Hymn 208:** “The strife is o’er the battle done”

verses 1 and 5

*Victory*

*from The Hymnal 1982*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

**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.***

**Gloria (S280)**

Robert Powell

**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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18**

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 810: "Eagle's Wings"

*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

*found in the hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My  
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your  
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.  
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Words and Music: Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

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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 B**

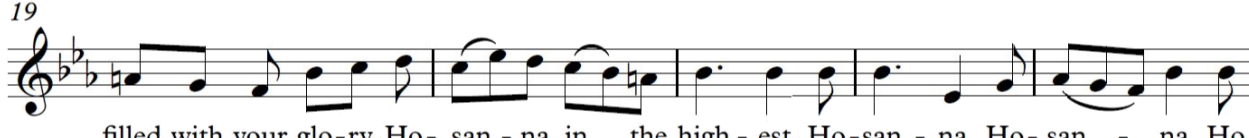
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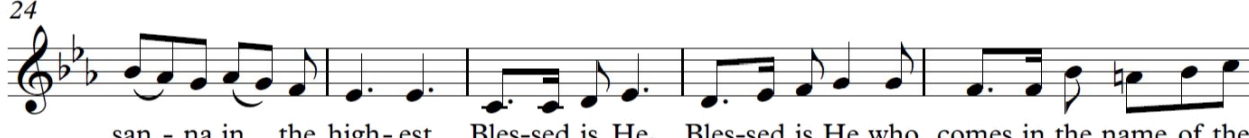
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*


**Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)**

Jane Tavernier

14  
  
 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

24  
  
 san - na in\_ the high-est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

29  
  
 Lord\_ Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho-san - na in\_ the high - est.

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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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)*


Jane Tavernier

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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.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*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.*

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



## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

**Communion Anthem:** “The Lord is my shepherd” (Psalm 23: KJV)

Howard Goodall

### THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## Post Communion Prayer

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## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 492:** “Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”

verses 1,3, and 4

*Finnian*

*from The Hymnal 1982*

## The Dismissal

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

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

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** ***Reader:*** Felicity Amos

***Intercessor:*** Tom Kerns

***Musicians:*** The Immanuel Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier

***Ushers:*** Tom Kerns, Marcus Rarick

***Flower Guild:*** Sarah Glassco

***Coffee Hour Host:*** Sudie McGahuey

***Audio-Visual:*** Tamika Martin

***Vestry Greeter/Counter:*** Matt Haskin

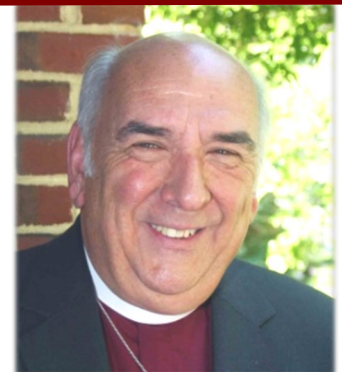
***Celebrant:*** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

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## JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY TO WELCOME BISHOP SHAND

The Rt. Rev. James Joseph “Bud” Shand will preach at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharists, and preside over baptisms, confirmation, and additional sacraments. He was appointed as a Visiting Bishop in the Diocese of Virginia by Bishop E Mark Stevenson, and will serve in this Diocese through May of 2024.

Prior to retirement, Bishop Shand served as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Easton (Maryland).





# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### April 21, 2024

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**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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Gilma Balcarcel, Philip and Colette Brown, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Johnson/Gildersleeve Family, Joseph, Kenny, Norma Jean Lawton, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, 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, Joyce DeMisa, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Hicks, MaryAnn Hollis, Louise Jackson, Tom Kellner, 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, Joanne Perla, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, Marcia Richardson, 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:** Erik Braun, Joan Raybold, Peter Whelpley, Laura Denlinger, Elizabeth MacIntosh, Roz Kerns, Eric Reading, Lisa Siegrist, Alexander Skubel, Martha Shimkin, and Lucas Thompson.

**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:** Carlos Daniel Hernández, the final victim of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge tragedy. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

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**TODAY is “[ALIVE! Alexandria Day of Giving](#)”** : ALIVE! provides support to Alexandrians struggling with food insecurity and economic disparity. Even as the pandemic becomes a historical footnote, we're seeing its lasting impact. Each month we help roughly 20,000 Alexandrians secure food, respond to financial emergencies, and meet other basic needs such as housing and furniture. We're meeting a high demand by meeting our neighbors where they need us most.



We need your help to ensure we can reach every person in Alexandria who needs ALIVE!'s services. Please consider donating to ALIVE! via the Spring2ACTION website, and thank you.

**Give to ALIVE!**

**NO 9:00 A.M. EUCHARIST NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00A.M. AND 10:30A.M. HOLY EUCHARISTS WITH BISHOP SHAND**

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES *All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer returns Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

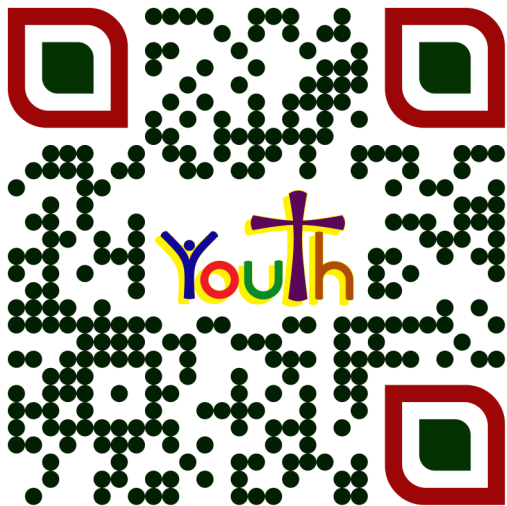
Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”  
resumes Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

Evening Compline, Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 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. **All are welcome!**

### †Youth-Led Sunday † May 5<sup>th</sup> †



Mark your calendar for Immanuel's Youth-Led Service at 10:30a.m. on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel Chapel. Our youth will serve in many of the lay ministry roles normally filled by adults. Review the list below with your child and sign up to serve that Sunday for one or two of the following:

- † Altar Guild
- † Crucifer
- † Flower Guild
- † Intercessor
- † Reader(s)
- † Usher(s)

There are so many ways to serve! (We'll be sure everyone knows of their roles ahead of time and will meet at 10:00a.m. that morning to prepare for the service).

To sign-up, please scan the QR code at left!

### CREATION CARE NEWS

While Alexandria City is honoring Earth Month throughout April, our Ministry Team invites you to view Immanuel's Creation Care Website for some very hopeful and helpful information reflecting our actions in caring for our fragile island home, planet Earth.

To visit our webpage, please scan the code at right.



## EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: APRIL-MAY

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services through Pentecost 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](http://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 Feast of Pentecost *only*.

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry  
SignUp Genius

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](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to Mother Susan at [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto: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!

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

First a quick reminder: we will **NOT** host a Senior Ministry Brown Bag luncheon next **Tuesday**, to provide a quick breather after Easter festivities.

**TRIP TO ARTEHOUSE, MAY (date and time TBD)**: Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will resume regular programming in May with a trip to Artechouse. Artechouse, founded in 2015, is a venue for innovative digital and experiential art, and we will be going to view *Isekai: Blooming Parallel Worlds*, their 7<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of cherry blossoms.

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SENIOR MINISTRY BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH GUEST SPEAKER**

**TOM KERNS, 12 NOON, PARISH HALL**: Our May brown bag luncheon will feature fellow parishioner and architect **Tom Kerns**, who will share with us his experience designing the beautiful Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, Annandale, VA. You will want to hear this presentation before our June outing, which will be a visit to Epiphany with Tom to see the church and enjoy its icons in the setting that he designed.

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>: SENIOR MINISTRY BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH GUEST SPEAKER**

**THE REV. PETER ACKERMAN**: Immanuel's former Assistant Rector the Rev. Peter Ackerman, now Rector of the historic Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, St. Mary's County, MD, will tell us about his recently published memoir, *Mom, Dad, Me and Classic TV-Growing Up with Classic Television's Harry Ackerman and Elinor Donahue*.

You won't want to miss any of these activities, so please watch for announcements of dates and times, and schedule them into your busy spring calendars. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Karen directly at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com)



#### **MOM, DAD, ME, AND CLASSIC TV**

Growing up with Classic Television's  
Harry Ackerman and Elinor Donahue

By Peter K. Ackerman

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 Peter Kent..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton and Philip 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  
 Philip Brown ..... Fellowship  
 Caroline Bergmark..... Registrar, Communications  
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Stayanoff, and Isabelle Young-Smith ..... Youth Representatives

**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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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**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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