

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



FAMILY SERVICE February 27, 2022

Joy Mass, a Celebration of Eucharist 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Communion, or Mass is the normal Sunday worship for the Episcopal Church. It is one of the sacraments, a sign and symbol of the Living God. It is instructed and instituted by Jesus, 'Do this in remembrance of me." It is the center of our worship, our lives, and the universe itself—God revealed in Christ, whose body and blood is given for the healing, salvation, and redemption of the world.

Prelude: 10,000 Reasons Matt Redman Father Sam, guitar

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Opening song: King Jesus is All

Father Sam

King Jesus is all / My all in all And I know that he'll answer / Me when I call Walking by my side / I'm satisfied King Jesus is all / My all in all

Well, I went out to meet the Lord I got down on my knees I said my very first prayer You know the Holy Ghost met me there I stepped on the rock The rock was sound. The love of God came a tumbling down The reason I know That he saved my soul Was I dug down deep and I found pure gold (Chorus)

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

BCP 829

The Prayer for Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Psalm 27:1-4

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
- Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel, John 9:1-30 - The Man Born Blind

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We[a] must work the works of him who sent me[b] while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the

ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus[c] to be the Messiah[d] would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: Janettarose Greene, Seminarian

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

When God's people gather we pray for the life of the world. Prayer is our nearness to God. Prayer is our relationship with God. Like any relationship it may be asking, thanking, speaking what we hope, and think, and dream. It may also be listening, making our hearts and minds still, as in contemplation and meditation. However you pray throughout your life, it is your part of the relationship between you and God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hold these things, which we pray for every week, in your heart, and at the end we will say together, Lord Hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole Church, and its mission to bring God's love and peace to all people.

We pray for our Nation, and all who have authority in every nation and community.

We pray for the peace, healing, and life of the world.

We pray for those in our community, and in our lives, whose concerns are known to us.

We pray for all who suffer or are in any kind of trouble.

We pray for those who have died.

Lord Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

EOW 19

Having prayed, let us now confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

PREPARE THE TABLE

Some of those present prepare the table; the bread, the cup of wine, and other offerings, are placed upon it.

Welcome and Announcements

This service, an Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist (BCP 400), is not intended as the principal Sunday service for a community. But it is extremely useful in teaching Eucharist. Children and families who are trying to make God and Church part of your lives will find the shape of what we do here is what happens at every gathering around the Lord's Table. There is only one banquet—and we inherit this way of joining it.

If you'd like to receive, we'll form a line after the prayer. Holding out your hands with the palms up indicates you would like the common bread. Hold your hands out with your palms down will indicate you require Gluten Free communion. Crossing your arms over your chest will be the way to request a blessing. If you get up there and forget which thing you want... you're also welcome to just say. We'd rather you say than feel given the wrong thing.

MAKE EUCHARIST

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.*

Holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, you have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you formed a people for yourself and brought them time and time again out of slavery into freedom, out of exile into places of belonging. You have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. You have sent your Holy Spirit to replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. Sanctify this bread and wine by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Communion Song - Jesus Loves Me

Father Randy, piano

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Post Communion Prayer

EOW 69

Celebrant: Let us pray,

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us bless the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

Musicians: The Rev. Sam Sheridan, guitar
The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, piano
Flower Guild: Linda Serabian **SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL Parish Notes February 27, 2022

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.

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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia and Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Lawrence, and Ann Huntington.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Margaret Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Randy MacDonald, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, and J.C.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Grace Albritton, Arthur Braun, Juliet Houck, Len Lynch, Mary Taylor, Keith June, Bruce Morton, Sharon Waiss, The Rev. Barney Hawkins, Sampson Robinson, Matthew Bastow, Carson Clark Arp, Tyler Harris, Cecile Phillips, Hayden Arp, Kathy Conrad, Katja Shimkin, Thomas Cuddy, and Carole Phillips.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Sammie Jo Reynolds, mother of Pumpkin Patch truck driver Amanda Arnaud; Joann Drennan, the sister of Janice Corbett's sister-in-law; Everett Poole, beloved friend of Cynthia Caples; Air Force Staff Sergeant Tyrell Harris; and Police Officer Nicholas Vella. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CREATION CARE FORUM HOUR - Today at 9:00 a.m.

"There's No Place Like Home" features author Gary Gardner on how faith communities are uniquely positioned to meet the challenges of sustainability on our planet. Zabriskie Parish Hall in person and on Zoom. Questions? Contact Denise Freeland, eco.voce@verizon.net

To log on, visit our website, under the "Worship" tab, click "Worship Service Bulletins", find this copy of parish notes and click the blue text "Join Creation Care Forum Hour"; then enter:

Meeting ID: 823 0960 7724

Passcode: 306211

Announcements

9:00 a.m., About the NEW Family Service "Joy Mass"

This brief worship service is a song or two, a reading from scripture, a children's homily, and a short Eucharist. At first we are hoping to offer this service for families:

- who have children too young to mask or vaccinate,
- who want to participate in Godly Play but also want to attend church together, and
- who don't attend in person because they're worried their children might pass germs to our older congregants.

This service will be small, the adults will be asked to be masked and socially distant, and it will be the final event in Zabriskie chapel for the day (to minimize exposure for other people who use the space).

This is all in addition to planned forum hours and the February Godly Play in-person and video offerings. If this family service continues we will make sure it never conflicts with Godly Play because part of the purpose is to serve families who may want to do both! At first we'll try it simply announcing the service, and if we need to add a reservation system to make sure we maintain social distancing, that will be a problem created by an abundant blessing and we'll be happy to adjust.



Two Services for ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022

Join us for Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at either of the following services:

12:00 p.m. Noon in Zabriskie Chapel 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality; imposed with the sign of the cross. Whether you have always observed many specific customs during Lent, or whether you have barely heard about / remember it at all — you are invited, as a member of this community, to spend some time preparing for Easter. Turn your heart, mind, and will toward the Resurrected Christ and the promise of a world renewed by God's unyielding love.

BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, March 3rd @ 10:30 a.m., The Epistle of James

All are welcome to share in this exploration of James -- no prior study or participation necessary. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom -- look for login information in your weekly eBlast email

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as <u>Bible Gateway here</u>) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

Evening Compline, Friday, March 4th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY @ 9:15a.m. - New Lenten Series

Diving into the Lenten Word

Our Lenten series this year will be exploring, in depth, the Scripture readings of the five Sundays in Lent. The preacher of the day will lead the discussion, allowing lots of time for questions, responses, and musings. Though this may sound a bit like a Bible Study, the difference will be that we'll be exploring the context more fully, musing about the authors of the lessons, while also hearing from the preacher about their process as they wrote the sermon.

We'll gather at 9:15a.m. in Zabriskie Parish Hall each Sunday in Lent, both in person and online. We will miss you if you aren't there.

Solar Project Update: Get Ready! After a number of delays on the part of our contractor, Sustainable Energy Solutions (SES), we have been advised that the building permit package for the solar array installation and other elements of the system infrastructure is complete and has been submitted to the City of Alexandria for review. The City has a policy of a 30 day review of such documents, which suggests a mid-February decision on their part assuming no issues arise. The earliest the project would start is late February, and once the installation begins it should be complete in 10-14 days barring any weather delays. If past history is any indication, it will commence more than likely in March. The good news is the solar panels are in storage locally and, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have more than sufficient funds to cover the next progress payment to SES, which is due 30 days prior to installation. Answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" about the project can be found on Immanuel's website under Creation Care Ministry at https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of our ongoing, and sometimes overlooked, responses to the pandemic is that your clergy and seminarians are available to make house calls. We live in well-founded hope that this surge may be the last time we need to go online-only again. However, that doesn't mean that the surge will dissipate and everyone will immediately want to go out in public, everything normal and hunky-dory. At this time of particular high transmissibility, and as the whole world moves navigates new and different phases of mitigating and living with this virus, we want to be as flexible and available to you as possible. If you cannot make it to church, we can schedule a time to bring some church to you. If your living arrangements don't allow visitors we can come to windows and doors, make phone calls, text messages, and zoom meetings. If you want some time during the week to pray in your church, we can probably help navigate that.

There are, in short, options. Now, or in the months to come, if there is any reason you are unable to come to church or want to participate in the eucharist in some way or need someone to talk to: we are here for you. We invite you to reach out to us. We want you to know, in all the ways, that you are a member of this community.

In Christ,

Your clergy; Randy, July and San

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Bob Murray	Worship
Julie Bruns	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
The Rev. Sam Sheridan	

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie 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

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