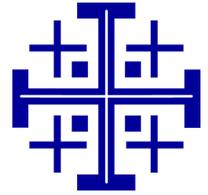




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2020

### Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

*In order to adhere to public health guidelines, we ask all on-site parishioners to refrain from singing during this service. In addition, we ask that all over the age of two wear a nose/mouth face covering at all times except during Communion. Finally, we ask that all maintain a 6-foot social distancing minimum. Thank you for adhering to our safety guidelines, and enabling Immanuel to provide a safe environment for worship.*

**Prelude:** Toccata

Girolamo Alessandro Frescobaldi

**Solo Hymn 556** "Rejoice, ye pure in heart!" verses 1, 2 and 7

Marion

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| <p>1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart!<br/>Rejoice, give thanks and sing!<br/>Your glorious banner wave on high,<br/>the cross of Christ your King.</p> | <p>2 With all the angel choirs,<br/>with all the saints of earth,<br/>pour out the strains of joy and bliss,<br/>true rapture, noblest mirth. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> |
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Refrain:

*Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

- 7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King. *(Refrain)*

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

#### 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***

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<p>Lord, have mercy, <i>Christ, have mercy.</i> Lord, have mercy.</p>	<p>or</p>	<p>Kyrie eleison. <b><i>Christe eleison.</i></b> Kyrie eleison.</p>
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#### 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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 Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

### **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

After the words “Lord, in your mercy,”  
the congregation responds with “*Hear our prayer.*”

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.  
People: *And also with you.*

## **Welcome from the Rector**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Solo Hymn 458** “The Lord is my Shepherd” (Psalm 23)  
Vasili Varfis, bass

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He maketh me down to lie in green pastures.  
He leadeth me  
beside the still waters.

For you are with me;  
you will comfort me.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He maketh me down to lie in green pastures.  
He leadeth me  
beside the still waters.

You are with me;  
you will comfort me.  
Comfort me.

Yea though I walk through the valley in the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil;

Surely goodness and mercy,  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will't dwell in the house of thy Lord  
forever.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil.

Forever.

Forever.

## **Blessing of the Offering**

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 him thanks and praise.***

### *The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper reface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus* S-130 (found at the beginning of The Hymnal 1982)  
Vasili Varfis, bass

Schubert

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.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, a we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.***

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.***

***Given 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***

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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

*Agnus Dei* S-164 (found at the beginning of The Hymnal 1982)

Schubert

Vasili Varfis, bass

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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.

*For those joining us from home:*

People: *My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love you above all things,  
and long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come,  
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

### Music during Communion

Hymn 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*St. Elizabeth*

Hymn 645 "The King of love my Shepherd is" verses 1,2, and 6,

*St. Columba*

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### The Blessing

**Closing Anthem Hymn 409:** “The spacious firmament on high” verses 1 and 3

*Creation*

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| 1    The spacious firmament on high,<br>with all the blue ethereal sky,<br>and spangled heavens, a shining frame,<br>their great Original proclaim.<br>The unwearied sun from day to day<br>does his Creator's power display;<br>and publishes to every land<br>the work of an almighty hand. | 3    What though in solemn silence all<br>move round the dark terrestrial ball?<br>What though no real voice nor sound<br>amid their radiant orbs be found?<br>In reason's ear they all rejoice,<br>and utter forth a glorious voice;<br>for ever singing as they shine,<br>"The hand that made us is divine." |
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**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** Allegro

William Boyce

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:**    *Reader:* Ted Sullivan; *Musicians:* Vasili Varfis, Dr. Jane Tavernier;  
  *Audio-Visual:* John Bednar; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Sam Sheridan



## **VIRTUAL FORUM HOUR Today at 11:45 a.m.**

**FORUM HOUR on ELECTION ISSUES:** This is the most perplexing and stressful election in many, if not all, of our lifetimes. When can or must you do what? What are those two legalistic referenda? Join us via Zoom after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist to hear special guest **Don Gurney**, the Voter Service Chair of the League of Women Voters of Arlington, lead a special forum hour on election issues.

Mr. Gurney will speak on two related topics:

 Logistics (deadlines for registration and requesting an absentee ballot; in-person early voting locations, times and deadlines; and recent changes re no-excuse absentee voting, acceptable IDs, no witnesses for absentee ballots; etc.); and

 The two state constitutional amendment referenda. He'll focus on #1, to create a redistricting commission. This is nationally prominent issue and has become highly controversial recently.

There will be time for Q&A and discussion afterward.