



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



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**The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 17, 2018**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.**

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.  
Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.  
In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked  
to remain as quiet as possible.*

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**Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity**

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***Kyrie eleison***

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**The Collect of the Day**

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

*Silence*

**Psalm 92: 1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri***

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

### **The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence*

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in

the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

After the Intercessor says “Lord of all creation,”  
the congregation responds “*Hear us, we pray.*”

**The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

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**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer II

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*Sanctus and Benedictus*

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The Lord’s Prayer

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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

*Agnus Dei*

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*All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

*Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing,  
are offered after the Dismissal at the side of the Altar.*



**Serving at this Eucharist:** *Altar Guild:* Sue Gildersleeve; *Flower Guild:* Linda Serabian; *Reader:* Chandley McDonald; *Chalice:* Phyllis Sims; *Ushers:* David Ingold, Marianne Ingold; *Coffee Host:* Lisa Clausen; *Vestry Greeter:* Jamie Conrad; *Vestry Counter:* Jim Clausen; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker