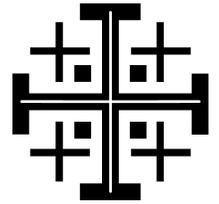




**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
**Episcopal/Anglican**  
**Alexandria, Virginia**



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**THE EVE OF ASCENSION**

**May 25, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 6:30 p.m.**

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Lamentations 1: 16a; 5:19*

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears....

*But you, O Lord, reign for ever; your throne endures to all generations.*

**Trisagion**

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Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*Have mercy upon us*

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Lesson: Revelation 5:1-14**

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense,

which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.’

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

*Exsurgat Deus*

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
**let those who hate him flee before him.**

<sup>2</sup> Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at  
the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
**let them also be merry and joyful.**

<sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
**YHWH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

<sup>5</sup> Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
**God in his holy habitation!**

<sup>6</sup> God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners  
into freedom; \*  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup> You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

<sup>10</sup> Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision  
for the poor.

<sup>32</sup> Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

<sup>33</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>34</sup> He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

<sup>35</sup> Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

### The Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15

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

[Jesus said] 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

**The Homily:** The Rev. Sam Sheridan

## The Prayers of the People

In the peace of God, let us pray, responding “O God, have mercy.”

In the assurance of your mercy, in thanksgiving for the life of your of all who die as children, and in confident expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Remember all these children’s parents. Help them to hold each other in their hearts, that where possible this sorrow may draw them together and not tear them apart, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Remember all the family and friends of Luis Hernandez here in Alexandria, and all the family and friends of each child in Uvalde, Texas, that they may know the consolation of your love, and may hold these children in their love all the days of their lives, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Support them in their grief, and be present to all who mourn, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Teach us to be patient and gentle with ourselves and each other as we grieve, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Help us to know and accept that we will be reunited at your heavenly banquet, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Strengthen us to never believe, or accept, or become numb to senseless violence against children, preventable gun violence, or the hatred and evil that turn hurting people into perpetrators of unspeakable acts, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Remind us ever that the pain and rage we feel when the victims of such violence are children, is what we should be feeling when any of your children are murdered—whether at the Tops grocery store in Buffalo last week, or in the world’s many warzones, remind us O God, we pray,

*O God, have mercy.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*O God, have mercy.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us hold the needs and love of others in the silence of our hearts.

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

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.**

Clergy: 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.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.*

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

*People and Celebrant*

Almighty God, we thank you that in you great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Clergy: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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Mollie Lambert..... Outreach  
Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry  
Brooke Roberts..... Communications  
Phyllis Sims ..... Evangelism and New Members  
Bob Murray ..... Worship  
Julie Bruns..... Pastoral Care  
Rachel Wilson ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
The Rev. Sam Sheridan ..... Register (nonvoting member)

### 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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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

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