



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2024

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

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building (to the right as you face the organ); restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.

Prelude: Gloria

François Couperin

Processional Hymn 100: “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Antioch

THE WORD OF GOD

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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Gloria S280 “Gloria in excelsis”

found in the front of The Hymnal 1982

Robert Powell

The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 147 *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 82: "Of the Father's love begotten" *found in The Hymnal 1982* *Divinum mysterium*

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

*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.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

arr. Michael Praetorius

Es ist ein Ros

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind:
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

Old 100th

*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.*

The Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic Prayer.

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

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)

34 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a- way the sins of the world

46 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

57 Have mer - cy Have mer - cy Have mer - cy u pon us.

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

*We will receive at one standing station.
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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Hymn 324: “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Picardy*

Sung if needed

Hymn 101: “Away in a manger, no crib for a bed” *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Cradle Song*

Post Communion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen*

The Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 96: “Angels we have heard on high” *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Gloria*

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: In dulci jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader:</i>	Candy Levin
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier, The Immanuel Choir
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Brooke Roberts
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jim Clausen, Lisa Clausen, Marcus Rarick
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	The Immanuel Flower Guild
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	Caroline Bergmark
<i>Audio-Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

December 29, 2024

IN THE NAME OF JESUS 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Joan, Joseph, Ken and Mia Mason, Kenny, Lynn Gas, Marcus Rarick, Margaret Messenger, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Felicia Balzano, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Norma Taliaferro, Mae Hunt, the Rev. Jan A. Maas, Ken McDonald, Honor Fede, Charlotte Gehrs, Marjorie Burke, the Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke, Derek Johnson, Alec Burkhalter IV, Mein LaMountain, Mollie Warner, James Kelley, Sham Suri II, and Brian Young.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist

Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God's message to us. Beginning today — and continuing for the next three consecutive Sundays — we will have the opportunity to explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.



The Nominating Committee has begun its work of recruiting new members of the Vestry. If you have any suggestions or input please feel free to reach out to any member of the Committee: Gerry Anderson, chair, Amy Thomas, Peter Kent, Julie Bruns, Kathy Lloyd, Doug John, and the Rector. All may be reached through the Parish Directory.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”

Thursday, January 2nd @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 3rd @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer Returns Tuesday, January 7th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II returns, Wednesday, January 8th, Zabriskie Chapel



UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

January 5, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Epiphany Sunday (transferred) with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Children’s Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Festive Reception</i>	Immanuel Chapel



JANUARY 2025 IT’S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

We have a New SignUp Genius Service Plan

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through January 2025* ONLINE — including Christmastide masses —by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.



THANK YOU for your participation!



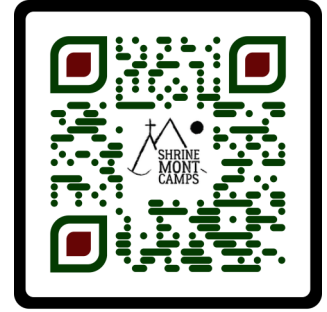
WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* *Our next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th*

Join her in the new year on Wednesday, January 8, 2025
from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street.
All are welcome!

HELP WANTED at SHRINE MONT CAMPS

Camps Job Fair | January 4, 10am-2pm | St. James's, Richmond and Online: Shrine Mont Camps is hiring camp staff for summer 2025! In just a few, action packed weeks, camp staff will make life-long memories and friendships while acquiring essential life and professional skills. Openings include

- Chaplains (lay or ordained)
- Nurses (1-week and 2-week positions available)
- Leadership roles (camp directors, assistant directors, program directors, camping directors, triads, intercamp “Vienna” staff)
- Counselors (paid counselors; in-cabin and out-of-cabin-counselors)



Shrine Mont Form

To learn more and/or express your interest, please scan the QR code at right.



Our **EYC Winter Retreat at Shrine Mont** is coming up on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend - January 17th to 20th. This weekend will consist of activities, including skiing at Bryce Resort, indoor games, religious services, and possibly hiking.

Since our normal lodging at St Andrews is not available due to a construction project next door to the building. We will stay at the [Stidley Cottage](#), which has a smaller capacity. As a result, we need to get a handle on the number of adults and youths that will attend. We may be able to get a second cabin depending on availability and will strive to accommodate everyone — but youth have first priority.

If you/your youth would like to join us, please respond via email to jbrianrush@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us for a weekend of fellowship and great outdoor activities!

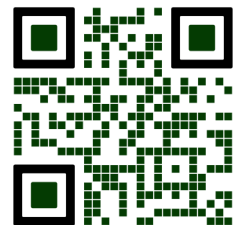


UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”

We still have a ways to go, as we imagine this figure to be about half of those who will pledge. This is an opportunity for all of us to give back to God from all we have been given.

Prayerful and intentional pledging expresses our thanks for God’s many gifts, and it supports our beloved parish church in all of its many vital ministries and our life together in Christ.

In addition to filling out a hardcopy pledge form and mailing it to the church — or dropping it in the alms basis during a service — you can pledge online using Immanuel’s [website](#) and click the green **Pledge Here** button, or by scanning the QR code at right.



CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING: Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop’s visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, March 16, 2025. We will form a Youth Confirmation Class and a separate track for adults who want to be Confirmed or Received. Please reach out to any of the clergy if you are interested.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Tim Lawhorn Sexton

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 Amy Thomas Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 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
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, 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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PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Sarah F. Coakley
 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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