Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m. with Children & Youth Epiphany Pageant

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: Wei Schon leuchtet		Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional Hymn 119: "As with gladness men of old"	found in The Hymnal 1982	The English Hymnal

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Gloria S280 "Gloria in excelsis"	found in the front of The Hymnal 1982	Robert Powell
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The Collect for the Day

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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





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Psalm 72:1-7,10-14: Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. The Word of the Lord Response: *Thanks be to God*.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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



An Instant Pageant for the Tenth (or the Ninth or Eleventh or Twelfth) Day of Christmas

All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982

SCENE I: An Echo of Angels

NARRATOR #1:It is now more than a week since the night sky over Bethlehem suddenly filled with brilliant angels. Nothing like it had ever been seen before! All the angels of God appeared to mortal eyes! They sang praises in the highest heaven, for Jesus the Lord is born. Ten days later the angels' song still echoes in the ears of all who heard it.

Please join me in the singing the first two verses of "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing".

Hymn 87: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

SCENE II: *All is Calm, All is Quiet*

NARRATOR #2: But now all is quiet. The angels have returned to heaven, and the shepherds have gone back to care for their sheep. The people in the Inn now pay little attention to the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph admire infant Jesus in peace. They wonder, time and again, what child is this?

Please join me in the singing the first two verses of "What Child is This?"

Hymn 115: "What child is this, who laid to rest" verses 1 and 2

SCENE III: Visitors from the East

NARRATOR #3:A few miles outside of Bethlehem, however, another amazing scene is beginning to occur. Three wise men from the East are approaching with a great caravan of camels, richly laden. In their distant land, these wise men study the stars every night. Ten nights ago they recognized the sign of the Son of God in the heavens. It was a star they had never seen before! It began to move towards the West, as though beckoning the wise men to follow.

> The Magi began to follow the star at once! Please join me in singing verse one of "We three kings.

Hymn 128: "We three kings of Orient are"

SCENE IV: *We Have Seen the Lord!*

NARRATOR #4: And now the Wise Men have reached the outskirts of Bethlehem.

An excited crowd gathers! The crowd includes the very same shepherds who went to adore Jesus on the night of his birth. They go out to meet the Wise Men.

The eager shepherds know at once why the wise men are here: they have come to worship Jesus too! The shepherds begin to tell what they saw with their own eyes, and heard with their ears, only a few days ago.

Please join me in singing verses 1 and 2 of "Away in a manger."

Hymn 101: "Away in a manger, no crib for his bed" verses 1 and 2

NARRATOR #1: When the wise men hear the shepherds' story, they too begin to rejoice at the wonderful deeds of God. They beg the shepherds to take them at once to where they may see the baby lying in a manger.

Please join me as we sing all three verses of "Good Christian friends rejoice".

Hymn 107: "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

- NARRATOR #2: Mary greets the visitors courteously and shows them her wonderful child. Everyone is filled with a feeling of awe. But look! Angels have returned to the scene!
- NARRATOR #3: Heaven and earth are joined! Joining in their happiness, let us sing "Angels from the realms of glory."

Hymn 93: "Angels from the realms of glory"

Regent Square

In dulci jubilo

verse 1

Three Kings of Orient

Cradle Song

Greensleeves

NARRATOR #4: Thank you for being a wonderful audience for our pageant, and for singing so beautifully. You might not realize it, but underneath these costumes are children you all know! Please give them a round of applause!

The End

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

People:

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "Go tell it on the mountain"

THE SHRINEMONTERS

I sought b I asked th	as a learner, oth night and day, e Lord to aid me, owed me the way:	He made me a watchman, when lo! above the earth. Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Saviour's birth. <i>Chorus</i>	
(Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere: Go, tell it on the mountain, hat Jesus Christ is born.	While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy Light. <i>Chorus</i>	
Doxology: Hymn 3	80 (verse 3)	found in The Hymnal 1982	Old 100th
Praise hi Praise hi	od from whom all blessings flo m, all creatures here below; m above, ye heavenly host: ather, Son, and Holy Ghost. An		
The Great Thanks	giving: Eucharistic Prayer B		p. 367
Celebrant: People: Celebrant: People: Celebrant:	And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.		

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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Traditional



The Lord's Prayer

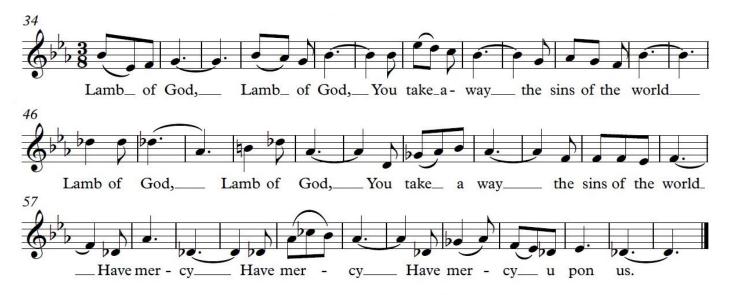
Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us *Response:* Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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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.

CHANGE IN COMMUNION PRACTICE RELATED TO INTINCTION: Our Bishop has issued a new policy discouraging communicants who wish to intinct (dip) the consecrated Bread from doing the intincting themselves. The goal is to avoid the many fingers and fingernails that can find their way into the Wine of the chalice, and the new procedure will resemble in some ways what we did during the later stages of the pandemic. Starting *today*, the procedure will be:

Receive the consecrated Bread as usual.

If you plan to drink from the chalice please consume the Bread, as usual, and then move to the chalice to drink.

If you plan to intinct, please leave the Bread in your hand, and the Chalicist will intinct for you and then place the intincted Bread back on your hand (or on your tongue, for those who prefer).

Music During Communion:

Communion Anthem:

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Sung if needed

Hymn 686: "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Nettleton

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 Blessing

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind... and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. *Amen*

Closing Hymn 490: "I want to walk as a child of the light"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Houston

The Dismissal

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

Postlude:



in The Welcome Center next door!



SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: Reader: Jennifer Reading

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 Intercessor: Felicity Thomas

 Musicians: Dr. Jane Tavernier, The Immanuel Choir

 THE SHRINEMONTERS:

 Jamie Conrad, harmonica and vocals (bass)

 Doug John, guitar and vocals (baritone)

 Kevin Kirby, fiddle

 Sudie McGahuey, vocals (alto)

 Paul Smyth, guitar and vocals (tenor)

 Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild

 Ushers: Bryant Mitchell, Madeleine Mitchell

Audio-Visual: Tamika Martin Vestry Greeter/Counter: Caroline Bergmark Coffee Hour Hosts: Caroline Bergmark, Martha Shimkin Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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. 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: Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Laney Langtry, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Larry Rhoades, Roger, George Rustigian, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Leo Horne, Dagobert Soergel, Leslie Williams, Anne Hunger, Tom Shimkin, Teresa Skubel, Stephen Friday, Doug John, and Norma Jean Lawton.

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



SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, when we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact our Rector, Father Randy at <u>ralexander@icoh.net</u>, or Senior Warden Kristi Kubista-Hovis at <u>kristi_kubista@yahoo.com</u>.

THANK YOU BOY SCOUTS! A huge thank you to the five scouts and two adults from Boy Scout Troop 131 who helped move furniture for ALIVE! Members of Troop 131, the scout troop that meets at Immanuel, picked up donations and delivered needed furniture to five families in Alexandria on a Saturday morning earlier this month. Truly appreciated!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, January 9th, Zabriskie Chapel

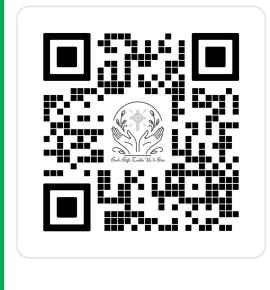
Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II January 10th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study "*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*", Thursday, January 11th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 12th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Have you made your 2024 pledge? THERE'S STILL TIME, JUST GO ONLINE! Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign

We are trying to conclude Immanuel's **Every Member Pledge Campaign**, as the Treasurer and Vestry are hard at work preparing this year's budget.



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives. As of Thursday January 4th, we had received 128 pledges for \$586,200.

You may pledge on our website, by using the QR code at left, or by asking an usher for a blank pledge card and envelope.



Together, we make a difference by giving back to God from the gifts that God has first given us.

First Forum Hour of 2024: Sunday, January 14th @ 11:45 AM, The Welcome Center (VTS Campus)

Family History: Living the Civil Rights Era, with Bryant Mitchell

Please join us on January 14, right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, in The Welcome Center, for an interview with longtime parishioner Bryant Mitchell, whose civil rights experience began as a child plaintiff in a desegregation lawsuit in Charlottesville, and whose parents -- long associated with the Seminary and with Immanuel -- were actively engaged in civil rights activism, bearing witness and having impact across and beyond the State of Virginia.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS: JANUARY 2024

January 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us on January 17th for luncheon and conversation in the Filmore Room at Goodwin House Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month. Please RSVP to Mother Susan at <u>sparsons@icoh.net</u> if you are *not* a resident of Goodwin House, and to Susan Kernan at <u>skernan40@aol.com</u> if you are a resident.

January 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Our brown bag lunch this month will help us start the new year off right! Join parishioner Dr. Dodd Simms on January 23 for "*How to Use the Healthcare System in 2024*". Come prepared to hear some interesting information and to ask your questions!

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad, and the Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

Come Join Us, and Pray for Us as Immanuel's Social Justice Committee travels to Richmond on January 17, 2024 to Ask The General Assembly to LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in Virginia

Jesus calls on us to care for those in prison. Last year, the Social Justice Committee consulted extensively with the Alexandria Sheriff, the Commonwealth's Attorney, a public defender and Immanuel's Outreach partners to see what more decisive action we could take on the issue of solitary confinement in our state. Based on that consultation, the Vestry encouraged us to engage with Virginia's legislature to prohibit solitary confinement for more than two weeks, something the national Episcopal Church and many other denominations have formally condemned as a form of torture. Over the course of 2023, we joined with the Interfaith Center and many houses of worship throughout the State, and our efforts produced two of the most bipartisan pieces of legislation to emerge from the General Assembly this year. The legislation didn't put a time limit on solitary confinement, but the first bill created several procedural safeguards, and the second bill funded an Ombudsman's office to oversee the Department of Corrections' compliance with those safeguards.

We are going to Richmond again on January 17 to get the office of the Ombudsman formally authorized, and to see what other improvements we might be able to make on this issue. Please consider joining us in Richmond for a day of criminal justice dialogue and visits with our state representatives. Once again we've chartered a very comfortable bus, which will depart the Immanuel parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 17 and return that evening. Please contact <u>Kathryn Haskin, Jamie Conrad</u>, or <u>David Atwood</u>.

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: JANUARY -FEBRUARY 2024

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services <u>for January and February</u> ONLINE via Our Red SignUp Genius Button

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays Lay Ministry SignUp Genius Would consider serving as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via <u>SignUp Genius</u> for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at <u>www.ICOH.net</u> and <u>clicking on the red</u> <u>button at left</u>.

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (ext. #206), or via email at <u>asoos@icoh.net</u>. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to <u>sparsons@icoh.net</u> or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

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THE VESTRY

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Brad Ashton	Stewardship and Planned Giving
	Outreach
Kathy Lloyd	Senior Ministry
Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd	Children Youth and Family Ministries
Julie Bruns	Pastoral Care
David Atwood	Social Justice
Taylor Houck	Communications
Caroline Bergmark	Evangelism and Newcomers
Matt Haskin	Worship
	Fellowship
	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
	Registrar
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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

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org Immanuel's YouTube channel

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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 being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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