



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



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The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 26, 2018

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

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.*

*Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.*

*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.*

*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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**Prelude:** Jesu, meine Freude J.S. Bach

**Processional Hymn 537** “Christ for the world we sing!” Moscow

**Opening Acclamation** p. 355

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

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Collect for Purity** p. 355

*Gloria in excelsis (S280, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)* Powell

### The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence*

**Psalm 34:15-22 *Benedicam Dominum***

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

**The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence*

**Gradual Hymn 517** “How lovely is thy dwelling place”

*Brother James’ Air*

**The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69**

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Jan A. Maas

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People:**

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

**Confession of Sin & Absolution**

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**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Organ Solo:** Trumpet Tune

*LeFebvre*

**The Doxology**

*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 A

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*Sanctus* (S125, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)  
*Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you are able.*

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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.*

Fraction Anthem (S155), found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Near

*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.*

### **Music during Communion**

Hymn 304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

*Land of Rest*

Hymn 440 “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

*Liebster Jesu*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*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**

**Recessional Hymn 307** “Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor”

*Bryn Calfaria*

### **The Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Fanfare in C

*Reiche*

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**Serving at this Eucharist:** *Acolytes:* Maegan McDonald, Caroline Page; *Altar Guild:* Lisa Frye; *Flower Guild:* Connie Kurz; *Readers:* Sandra Graham, Paul Lartey; *Intercessor:* Barbara Fornoff; *Chalice:* Karen Besser, Suzanne Houck; *Ushers:* Hartley Wensing, Kevin Wensing; *Coffee Host:* Lisa Clausen; *Flower Delivery:* Michael Reinemer; *Vestry Greeter:* Jim Clausen; *Vestry Counter:* Mark Fearer; *Audio-Visual:* John Bednar; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Jan A. Maas