



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 8, 2019

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

HOMECOMING

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 Eucharist begins, the congregation is asked to remain as quiet as possible.

Prelude: Canzona per Sonare No. 2

Giovanni Gabrieli

Processional Hymn 12 "We're marching to Zion"

Marching to Zion

(found in the hymnal "Lift Every Voice and Sing")

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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Trisagion (S102, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Archangelsky

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart,

back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Celtic Alleluia

Walker

CELTIC ALLELUIA

REFRAIN: (♩. = ca. 66) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Melody

Keyboard

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G D Em D C/E D/F# G Am/C Am7 D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G Am G/B C D Am D G C D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ia. _____

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

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 Anthem: "The heavens declare the glory of God"
from The Creation

Joseph Haydn

The Heavens declare the glory of God.
The firmament shows forth the wonders of his work.

And day unto day doth utter speech,
And night unto night doth knowledge show.
The Heavens declare the glory of God,
The firmament shows forth the wonders of his work.

Through all the earth their word goes forth,
Where is speech or language, there their voice is heard;
ever, ever, ever their voice is heard.
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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.*

Music During Communion: “Chor der Priester”
The Brass Quartet

W.A. Mozart, *arr.* Schroeder

Communion Anthem: “Come to me”
Cierra Byrd, Mezzo-Soprano

Dan Forrest

Text adapted from Matthew, 11:25, 28-29, 2 Corinthians 6:18, I John 3:1

Come to me,
All you who labor, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.
Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly,
See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.
Come to me, come.

Music during Communion

Hymn 335 “I am the bread of life”

Bread of Life

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 420 “When in our music God is glorified”

Engelberg

The Dismissal

Postlude: “Water Music”

Handel, *arr.* Schroeder

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Jacques Hadler
in loving memory of his late wife, Susan Johnson Hadler.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Acolytes:* Rayna Johnson, Sophia Johnson, Billy Cowan; *Crucifer:* Andrew Alexander; *Altar Guild:* Linda Serabian; *Flower Guild:* Candy Levin, Laura Parsons; *Readers:* Jim Clausen, Brad Ashton; *Intercessor:* Rosi Urbine; *Chalices:* Karen Besser, Jackie Phillips, Sam Sheridan, Suzanne Wilson Heckenberg; *Ushers:* Lisa Clausen, Kathy Conrad, David Lambert, Mollie Lambert; *Paten:* The Rev. Jan A. Maas, The Rev. Sureshkumar Shanthakumar; *Coffee Hosts:* Jim Clausen, Lisa Clausen; *Musicians:* Bernard Baiden, French horn; Brett Lemley, trumpet; Tyler Castrucci, trombone; Karl Hovey, tuba; Victor Younge, timpani; and Dr. Jane Tavernier, Conductor and Organist; *Flower Delivery:* Carol Crossmire; *Vestry Greeter:* Mark Fearer; *Vestry Counter:* Jamie Conrad; *Audio-Visual:* John Bednar; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander.

WELCOME to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill on this Homecoming Sunday, as we begin another program year of worship, fellowship, outreach, education and formation, stewardship, care for one another and our world, and witness to what God in Christ has done, is doing, and *will* do. Welcome to you today, whether you are a visitor looking for a Church home or a long-established member of this congregation. At the passing of the Peace, when we greet one another before proceeding to Communion, please look around for someone you do not know and make sure to greet them.



What do we who make up the rich variety of God’s children who worship in this parish have in common? Somehow, in the mystery of God’s great love and plan for us, we are reminded here that we are children of God, we are loved beyond measure by God, and we have found ourselves placed within this community of the Church. We have found a home here. God has spoken to us here, probably in ways that are as unique as are we all.

If you are looking for a perfect congregation, this is not it. But if you are looking for a place and community where your experience, talents, perspectives, and faith are needed and will be put to use, and where we are absolutely committed to *growing* in the love of God and then *practicing* that love together, this may be just the place.

Our goal in all that we do is to honor and worship God and honor and love each other just as we have been loved. We worship and follow God-made-flesh in Jesus Christ, as our very name reflects. *Immanuel* means “*God with Us*” in Hebrew.

Our world is far from what it could or should be, and certainly far short of God’s dream for it and for us. Yet we are invited, individually, collectively, and by God’s grace, to join together to advance God’s Kingdom.

Won’t you join us?

God bless you all, and welcome,

Randy

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.
Rector



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FALL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS ARE STARTING UP!

Godly Play and Sunday School will both begin on Sunday, September 15.

Godly Play is a program of Biblical storytelling and worship designed especially for children. At Immanuel, we invite children aged 3-7 years to attend. It takes place during the 9 a.m. Eucharist in Zabriskie Chapel in the Godly Play room on the basement level (follow the signs) under the parish hall. Drop your children off 5 minutes before the service starts. The program lasts until the time during the exchanging of the Peace, when you pick up your children and bring them back to take Communion and finish the service with you. (Godly Play does not take place on the 1st Sunday of the month so all children can be present for the Children's Eucharist during the 9 a.m. service.)

Sunday School for pre-K through 5th grade children also begins on Sept 15th, which is the third Sunday of the month — our Family Night. As part of Family Night, Sunday School takes place in the evening beginning with dinner at 5:30p.m. in the Zabriskie parish hall with Sunday School and a separate parents program starting at 6:30 p.m. The evening wraps up about 7:30 p.m.. On all other Sundays, Sunday School takes place at 10:15a.m. at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. service in the basement level underneath the parish hall.

EYC, the Episcopal Youth Community, is the youth group that engages 6th through 12th graders. Service, fellowship, and fun are at the heart of their activities. We have a robust and diverse calendar with multiple events scheduled each month, including Breakfast Clubs for both junior and senior high groups featuring youth chefs and guest speakers.

PreYC for 4th and 5th graders, provides fun outings for this age group on the 3rd Sundays of the month. Adult leaders meet youth in the Zabriskie parking lot at 2 p.m. and return with them by 5 p.m. in time for Family Night. Pre-YC will begin this fall on October 20th.

We can't wait to see your kids!

Questions on Godly Play? Email Sarah Glassco at glasscos@gmail.com.

Questions on Sunday School contact Linda Serabian at Serabian@somaarchitects.com.

For questions on EYC contact Carrie Cuddy at carriecuddy@verizon.net. For questions on pre-YC, contact Rob Johnson at rajohnson3@gmail.com.

For family night questions and questions on overall Children, Youth, and Family programs, contact Vestry Steward for Children, Youth, and Families; Hartley Hobson Wensing at ahobson21@comcast.net.