



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



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 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: All glory be to God on high

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn 388: “O worship the King, all glorious above!”

from The Hymnal 1982

Hanover

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People: *And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

The Collect for Purity

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Trisagion, S102

(found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Alexander Archangelsky

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Epistle: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

found in the hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

Want to give electronically? While the alms basin is being passed, you can also make an offering online using your bank account, debit, or credit card: just scan the code at right.

Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



Give Online

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: “Almighty and everlasting God”

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities;
and in all our dangers and necessities,
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you
made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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.

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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.

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

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar to receive communion, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: “Taste and see”

Kievan Anthem

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn 608: “Eternal Father, strong to save”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Melita

Sung, if needed

Hymn 333: “Now the silence, now the peace”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Now

Post Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

***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:

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you from this day forth and forevermore. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn 189: “Great is Thy faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

found in the hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Postlude: Fanfare

Dieterich Buxtehude

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Readers:</i>	Sudie McGahuey, Lanai Bea
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Karen Besser
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier, The Immanuel Choir
<i>Ushers:</i>	Steve Brown, David Lambert, Mollie Lambert
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Matt Haskin
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Connie Kurz
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Jennifer Greiner
<i>Audio Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Matt Haskin
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs