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

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY **April 13, 2025**

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 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.

PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS, 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to gather in the parking lot near the Seminary Post Office (*small white building*) *to follow behind the cross and bagpiper for a procession into the Chapel*.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest***.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY WITH YOUR HELP, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those might acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

LUKE 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, “The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
    who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
    and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you***.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise***.
Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen***.

Clergy: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: ***Hosanna in the highest***.

The Procession

Clergy: Let us go forth in peace.
People: ***In the name of Christ***. ***Amen***.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following Collect is said

Clergy: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

Solo: "Ride on King Jesus" **Jim Biggs**, tenor F. Hall Johnson

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn 154: "All glory, laud, and honor" *Valet will ich dir geben*

found in The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. p. 355
People: ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Collect for Purity p. 355

Kyrie S96 *found in the front of* The Hymnal 1982 Franz Peter Schubert

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you***.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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: **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens -- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 31:**9-16** ***In te, Domine, speravi***

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Epistle: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Sequence Hymn 164: "Alone, thou goest forth" *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Bangor*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Luke 22:14 -23:56

Large print editions are available with the ushers.

NARRATOR: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

NARRATOR: Then the apostles began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among the apostles as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

JESUS: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

NARRATOR: And Peter said to Jesus,

PETER: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to the apostles,

JESUS: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLE: No, not a thing.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to them,

JESUS: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLE: Lord, look, here are two swords.

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: It is enough.

NARRATOR: Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed

JESUS: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

NARRATOR: When those who were around Jesus saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLE: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: No more of this!

NARRATOR: And he touched the slave’s ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

NARRATOR: Then the crowd seized Jesus and led him away. The crowd brought Jesus into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing Peter in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: This man also was with him.

NARRATOR: But Peter denied it, saying,

PETER: Woman, I do not know him.

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said,

SERVANT 2: You also are one of them.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I am not!

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

SERVANT 3: Surely this man also was with the prisoner; for he is a Galilean.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

NARRATOR: At that moment, while Peter was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIER 1: Prophesy!

SOLDIER 2: Who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on Jesus. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said,

CONGREGATION (Elder 1): ***If you are the Messiah, tell us.***

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

ELDER 2: Are you, then, the Son of God?

NARRATOR: Jesus said to them,

JESUS: You say that I am.

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ELDER 3: What further testimony do we need?

ELDER 2: We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus, saying,

CONGREGATION: ***We found this man perverting our nation***,

ELDER 2: forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,

ELDER 3: and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked Jesus,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ELDER 2: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea

ELDER 3: from Galilee where he began, even to this place.

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign. Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked him; then Herod put an elegant robe on him, and sent Jesus back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

NARRATOR: Then the elders all shouted out together,

ELDER 2: Away with this fellow!

ELDER 3: Release Barabbas for us!

NARRATOR: (Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

CONGREGATION: ***Crucify, crucify him*!**

NARRATOR: A third time Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

NARRATOR: But the elders kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. Pilate released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. [***All who are able, please stand***.] When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ELDER 2: He saved others; let him save himself,

ELDER 3: if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIER 1: If you are the King of the Jews,

SOLDIER 2: save yourself!

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Jews."
One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. (***Silence may be kept***.) When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: Certainly this man was innocent.

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Joseph took the body down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

An extended period of silence is observed.

Narrator:	Daryl Ott	Pilate:	Tom Kerns
Jesus:	Sydney Onley	Elder 2:	Wendy John
Peter:	Doug John	Elder 3:	Kay Lusk
Disciple:	Sudie McGahuey	Criminal 1:	Matt Haskin
Servant 1:	Wendy John	Criminal 2:	Sudie McGahuey
Servant 2:	Kay Lusk	Centurion:	Wendy John
Servant 3:	Matt Haskin	**Elder 1:**	**THE CONGREGATION**

The Homily: **The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs**

The Prayers of the People

After the words "Lord, in your mercy,"
the congregation responds with "***Hear our prayer***.

Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 360

The Peace

Celebrant: 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 Anthem: "Vigil" Thomas La Voy

The Immanuel Choir

The tempest over and gone, the calm begun,
Lo, "it is finished," and the Strong Man sleeps:
All stars keep vigil watching for the sun,
The moon her vigil keeps.

A garden full of silence and of dew
Beside a virgin cave and entrance stone
Surely a garden full of Angels too.
Wondering on watch, alone

They who cry "Holy, Holy, Holy," still
Veiling their faces round God's throne above
May well keep vigil on this heavenly hill
And cry their cry of love.

Adoring God in His new mystery
O Love more deep than hell, more strong than death;
Until the day break and the shadows flee,
The Shaking and the Breath

Presentation Hymn 439: "What wondrous love is this" verse 1 *from* The Hymnal 1982 *Wondrous Love*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Le us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Sanctus S130 (*found in the front of* The Hymnal 1982) Franz Peter Schubert

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S164 (*found in the front of* The Hymnal 1982) Franz Peter Schubert

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

We will receive at standing stations.

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 Solo: "Ingemisco" *from* Requiem Giuseppe Francesco Verdi

ALLAN GERVACIO, tenor

Ingemisco tamquam reus,	*I groan as a guilty one*,
culpa rubet vultus meus;	*and my face blushes with guilt*;
supplicanti parce, Deus.	*spare the supplicant*, *O God*.
Qui Mariam absolvisti,	*You, who absolved Mary Magdalen,*
et latronem exaudisti,	*and heard the prayer of the thief*,
mihi quoque spem dedisti.	*have given me hope, as well*.
Preces meae non sunt digne,	*My prayers are not worthy*,
sed tu, bonus, fac benigne,	*but show mercy*, *O benevolent one*,
ne perenni cremer igne.	*lest I burn forever in fire*.
Inter oves locum praesta,	*Give me a place among the sheep*,
et ab haedis me sequestra,	*and separate me from the goats*,
statuens in parte dextra.	*placing me on your right hand*.

Communion Anthem: "Christ, we do all adore thee" *from* The Seven Last Words Theodore Dubois

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever,
for on the holy cross hast thou
the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee.

Sung, if needed

Hymn 474: "When I survey the wondrous cross" *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Rockingham*

Post Communion Prayer p. 365

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

Closing Hymn 435: "At the name of Jesus" *from* The Hymnal 1982 *King's Weston*

The Dismissal

*Let us **depart in silence**, to begin a Holy Week.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST

Crucifer:	Sydney Onley
Banner Bearer:	Owen Biggs
Acolytes:	Adeline Haskin, Thomas John
Readers:	Brooke Roberts, Katherine Maas
Passion Narrative:	Matt Haskin, Doug John, Wendy John, Tom Kerns, Kay Lusk, Sudie McGahuey, Sydney Onley, Daryl Ott
Intercessor:	Karen Besser
Altar Guild:	Brooke Roberts
Flower Guild:	Immanuel Flower Guild
Musicians:	Jared Denhard, bagpipes; The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director, organ and piano; Denise Freeland, Assistant Conductor
Ushers:	Marcus Rarick, Kristin Whitman, Shawn Whitman
Vestry Greeter/Counter:	Matt Haskin
Coffee Hour Host:	Linda Donahue
Audio Visual:	Sharon Biache, Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas
Celebrant:	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
April 13, 2025

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. Immanuel Chapel offers 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. Please 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, Andrew Alexander, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joan Raybold, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Kathy Porter, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tim Williams, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, John Trerotola, Laurie Clark, Andrew Alexander, Gary Campbell, Matthew Schnedl, David Foster, Katie Rhoades, and Khar Roeung.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Those who have died: Michael Neil Williams. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Invitation to CONFESSION

Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, "All may; none must; some should." Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one's Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy. You can read over the rite for private confession in *The Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 447.

Mindful Parking*: Help Us Help Others**: Keeping our physically-challenged parishioners and visitors in mind, we ask all to please keep the parking spaces ***directly *in front of* both chapels for those in need of handicap spaces. Thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.

APRIL 16 DEADLINE: EASTER MUSIC AND SPECIAL FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2025

You are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Easter brass musicians and/or Altar flowers for our Easter Sunday Eucharists — Wednesday is our deadline for dedications to appear in the bulletins. **For the first time, we are offering Sponsorships for beloved Easter blooms that have risen greatly in price** — like our special Christmas music, names will appear first in our bulletins and remain on the Flowers page of our website for *at least* three months.

To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. To make your dedications online, scan the QR code below or visit our website and click on "**Easter Flower and Music Dedications**" image on our landing page.

Names will be printed in our Easter bulletins for all donations received **by noon** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to **DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET**. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.

FLOWERS: $ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: ( )

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

Signature Easter Blooms Sponsor **$100** ☐

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SPECIAL MUSIC: $ _____

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Announcements

Weekday Worship and Study Opportunities

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 15th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 16th , Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: "*The Gospel of Luke*"
Maundy Thursday, April 17th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with foot washing, April 17th @ 6:30 p.m, Immanuel Chapel

Holy Week and Eastertide

April 13	**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to chapel (*gather at VTS white post office*)	Zabriskie Chapel Immanuel Chapel
April 15	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer during Holy Week	Zabriskie Chapel
April 16	Wednesday	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
April 17	Maundy Thursday	10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study "*The Gospel of Luke*" Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and foot washing, followed by overnight watch in the Oratory Chapel	Online via Zoom Immanuel Chapel
April 18	Good Friday	12 Noon 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Stations of the Cross The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with choir	Immanuel Chapel
April 20	**Easter Sunday: Feast of the Resurrection**	7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite I Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and brass quintet Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and brass quintet	Zabriskie Chapel Immanuel Chapel VTS Grounds Immanuel Chapel
April 27	The Second Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir	Zabriskie Chapel Immanuel Chapel

Wednesdays in The World ***with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs Resumes*** **May 7th :** Due to Holy Week and Clergy Conference, ***Wednesdays in the World with Rev. Sarah*** will resume on May 7th from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

Altar of Repose — A few Slots Left SignUp Online

We have **just four** open slots that need to be filled. If you can help us keep watch by staying in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel for one hour during the Overnight Prayer Vigil, Maundy Thursday, April 17, please scan the code at right. Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12noon Good Friday.

Thank you for helping to keep watch.

Altar of Repose

Sign-up to Serve: APRIL - MAY 2025 IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our Red SignUp Genius Button or scanning the QR code at left. If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost only.

Thank you for your participation!

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: "God's Promises"
Holy Saturday, April 19th @ 8:00 AM Held Online *via Microsoft Teams*

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, April 19th** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is ***God's Promises***. This month we will read **Lamentations 3:19–26 "*Surely God's mercies are not over…every morning they are renewed…God is good to those who trust him, to all who search for him*"** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study", or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913

Note to parents and our community about sacred spaces

We are blessed at Immanuel with the boundless energy and passion of increasing numbers of children, for which we give deep thanks. We are also glad that children feel comfortable at Immanuel, that they feel at home and safe in this community. We do, however, need to look out for their safety and protection, and for the protection of those sacred spaces.

In particular, parents are asked to keep an eye out for their children after the 10:30 Eucharist, as some have been seen climbing on the walls of the Chapel Garden and ruins of the old chapel. This is both dangerous for them and not respectful towards those whose ashes are interred there. Let's all work together to make sure our children can be children while also protecting them and the sacred spaces in our care.

April 27th: Parents Chance to (Godly) Play

On April 27th, during the 10:30am service, we invite parents and other interested adults to come and experience Godly Play for yourself, in an adults-only session that will be led by one of our Godly Play storytellers. Meet us in the Oratory at 10:15, and then you will be led to a separate space for the adults-only session.

If you have kids in Godly Play, we especially encourage you to join for the session to experience it for yourself and learn more about the practice and purpose of the structure of the sessions. And, if you've ever thought that you might want to be a Greeter or Storyteller, it's a great way to see what it's all about. (We are in need of more of both!)

Reserve your spot *today*

Immanuel's Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

Immanuel has reserved our usual Memorial Day weekend parish retreat at Shrine Mont, and it's time to sign up now if you plan to attend. Please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin by email or phone if you have any questions and if you plan to attend (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com). **The deadline to register is May 9th**.

Our daily rates are below, and the minimum reservation is 2 overnight stays per person. You can sign up for 2 days (usually Saturday lunch to Monday after breakfast) or three days (Friday dinner to Monday breakfast). Children under the age of 3 are free. Meals are included; please include any food restrictions when you RSVP.

Single room, private bathroom: $126/day/person
Double room, private bathroom: $97/day/person
Youth (4-13): $66/day/person

*If you need financial assistance to attend, please contact a member of the clergy directly to discuss.

Mark Your Calendars: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER for SCOUTS

Please support Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's own BSA Scouts Troop 131:

Saturday, May 17
9:30am - 1:30pm, Zabriskie Chapel Parking Lot

The boys will be in the church parking lot, cars washed for donations!

Update on capital campaign

Your capital campaign committee has been in discussions with parishioners, the Vestry, and the clergy, and we have all come to the conclusion that now is not the right time to pursue an aggressive fundraising campaign to meet our goal of starting construction on the kitchen renovation and Memorial Garden and outdoor space upgrades this summer. We recognize and appreciate the hard work that the members of various committees who worked on the plans for both the indoor and outdoor updates, and that work is not going to go to waste. We also have had several parishioners come forward immediately with donations or a pledge - a sign of how eagerly awaited this new construction and upgrades are for the entire parish!

Instead of focusing on a timeline to get significant pledges in hand by early this spring, so we could move forward with indoor construction this summer, we are going to extend the timeline to aim for indoor renovations and any other major cost outlays (indoors and outdoors) in the summer of 2026. In the coming months, we plan to:

- Offer opportunities to respond to parishioners' questions about the plans, the considerations, and the opportunities that could come of a renovated indoor space;
- Refine considerations for storage and outside group usage of both the indoor and outdoor spaces;
- Explore opportunities to move forward with specific phases of work (completing formal drawings and surveys, pricing on specific items for the kitchen, exploring opportunities to sell or donate items we aren't keeping, etc.) so that we will be in the best position next year to execute on our plans; and
- Secure necessary permits from the City of Alexandria so that, when we are ready to move forward with construction, we have approvals in hand.

This consideration to hold on the capital campaign was not made lightly. We remain committed to addressing the improvements needed to address usability, accessibility, beautification, and sustainability of our spaces. If urgent needs arise, we will weigh repair and replacement costs with an eye towards fitting into future plans. For example, if a major appliance fails, we will look to replace it with one that would meet our new goals for the kitchen. However, at this time, we feel fortunate to be able to hold off on these major outlays in consideration of this period of financial uncertainty for so many in our parish and community.

In the coming months, you will see opportunities for further discussion and discernment on how to best use the spaces with which we are blessed and are determined to improve to meet our current and future needs. We look forward to your participation in those activities, and in the meantime, you are welcome to reach out to Tom Kerns (tkerns66@gmail.com), Doug Onley (dougonley@gmail.com), and Kathryn Jackson Haskin (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) with any questions.

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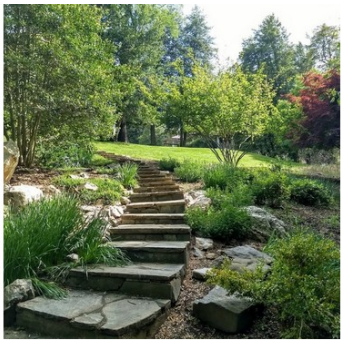
A Work of Heart

Spring Fundraiser

May 3, 2025

RSVP HERE!



Event Information

When:
May 3, 2025

Where:
Hendry House 2411 24th St. N.Arlington, VA 22207

Order of Events:
5:00 p.m. - VIP Art Experience*
6:00 p.m. - Tasting Reception
7:30 p.m. - Clinic Update
8:30 p.m. - Closing Remarks

Attire: Garden Party Attire
Parking: Free parking is available at Hendry House.

***Donors of $1,500 or more gain access to an exclusive VIP Art Experience!**

Clergy and Staff

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Mark Fearer ..... Social Justice
Matt Haskin ..... Worship
Rich Hobson ..... Outreach
Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship
Dave John ..... Fellowship
Doug Onley ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mary Ann Ring ..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brian Rush ..... Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
Bert Shelters ..... Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications
Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, 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

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The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
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Rector Emerita

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

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