



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

February 16, 2025

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: Elevation

Dom Paul Marie-Joseph Benoit

Processional Hymn 376: “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

found in The Hymnal 1982

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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Gloria S280 “Gloria in excelsis”

found in the front of The Hymnal 1982

Robert Powell

The Collect for the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse -- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Sequence Hymn 296: "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

Engleberg

found in The Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you
on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great
in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo: "Laudate Dominum"

from Solemn Vespers

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

SARAH GLASSCO, soprano

Laudate Dominum
Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and forever
and for generations of generations
Amen

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

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***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

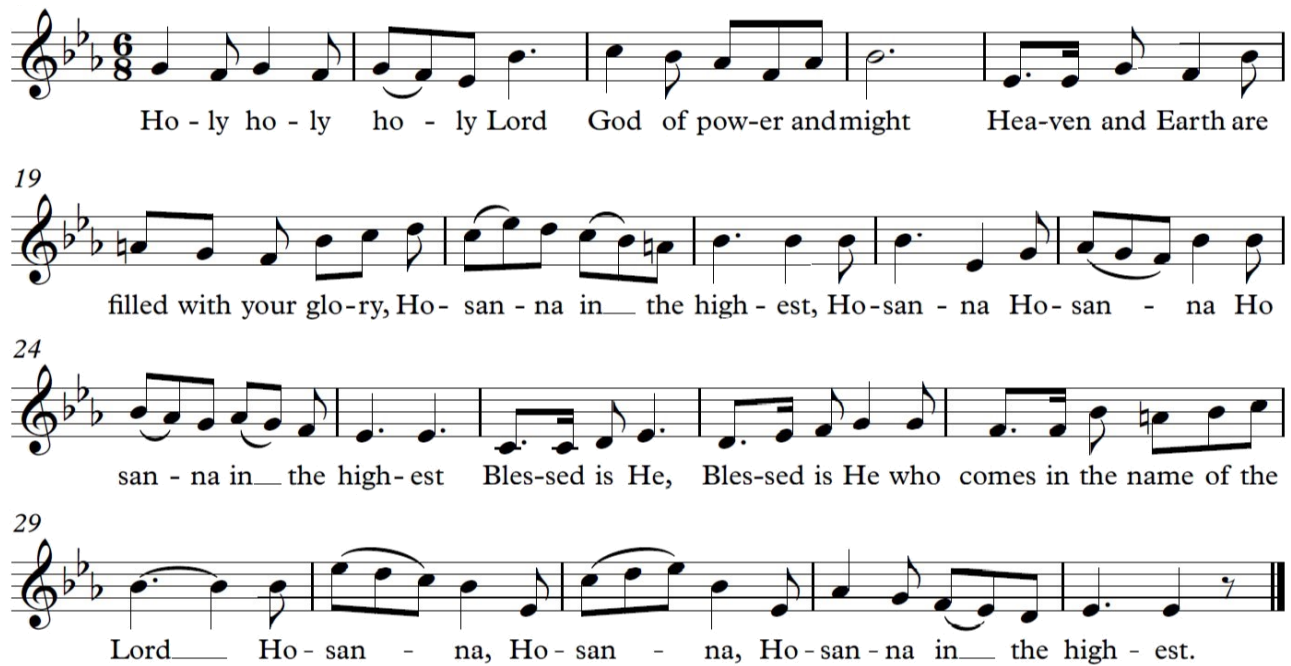
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic Prayer.

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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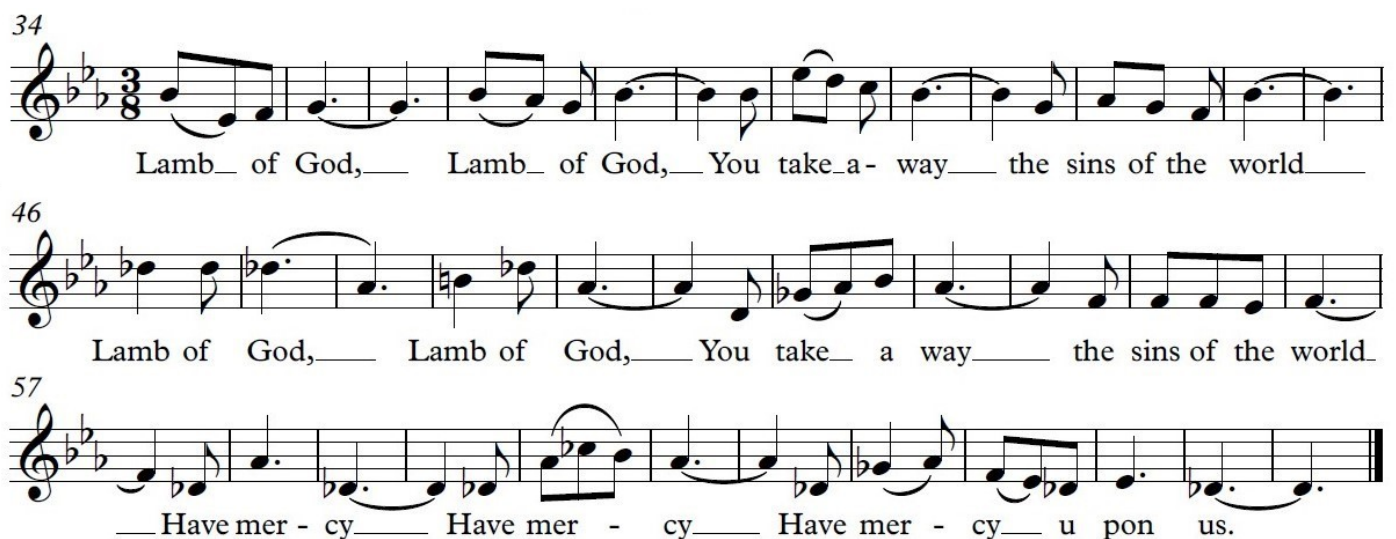
Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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.

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.

Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands, are offered at the icon on the right side of the Altar during Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: “Laudamus te” *from Gloria* Antonio Lucio Vivaldi

FELICITY AMOS, mezzo-soprano
DOROTHY KELLOGG, soprano

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, *We praise you, we bless you,*
adoramus te, glorificamus te. *we worship you, we glorify you.*

Communion Hymn 653: “Dear Lord and Father of mankind, ” *Repton*
found in The Hymnal 1982

Sung if needed

Hymn 679: “Surely it is God who saves me” *found in The Hymnal 1982* *Thomas Merton*

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

Closing Hymn 594: “God of grace and God of glory” *found in The Hymnal 1982* *Cwm Rhondda*

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Allegro

Giuseppe Domenico Scarlatti

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Readers:</i>	John Trerotola, Debbie Hewson
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Karen Besser
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier, The Immanuel Choir
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Brooke Roberts
<i>Chalice Bearer:</i>	Tom Kerns
<i>Ushers:</i>	Tom Hewson, Debbie Hewson, Darrell Wilson
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Sarah Glassco
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Matt Haskin
<i>Audio-Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Kristi Kubista Hovis
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

SUSTAINABILITY TIP: *What to do with plastic bags?*

During the pandemic in 2021, Immanuel collected 500 pounds of plastic bags which TREX turned into a lovely bench for our garden. Subsequently, Virginia enacted a plastic bag tax to help reduce plastic pollution and single-use bags which has continued to keep **nearly 4 million bags** out of our waterways, parks, and bellies of local wildlife.

If those pesky plastic bags still show up at home, remember you can take **them to any location of Giant, Safeway, Wegmans, and Harris Teeter**. The collection bins are usually near the entrance.

Then, take the next step and invest in a few **reusable bags** that you can leave in your car or other convenient location reminding you to use reusable bags and to refuse the single-use plastic bags.

— Courtesy of the *Creation Care Ministry Team*



Immanuel's Creation Care
Ministry Webpage

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 16, 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, Ann MacNamara, Anne Ritchie, Margaret, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Nancy Bishop, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, 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, Elizabeth, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Virginia Byron, Nolan Enright, Henry Page, Bill Bertles, Ariyani Balcarcel, Rollin Huntington, Pierre Shostal, Armstrong Robinson, William Latimer, Elly Parks, Edward Bukhalter III, Denise Freeland, John Walker, and Teddy Yates.

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

Pray for those who have died: Matthew McTeague, friend of the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs, and Charlotte Alexander, aunt of Father Randy Alexander. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

A Liturgy in Thanksgiving for the Life of **BARBARA RAMSDELL**

A Funeral Service is planned for **today at 2:30 p.m., followed by a reception.**
Memorial Chapel, Goodwin House Alexandria
4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, February 18th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, February 19th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”
Thursday, February 20th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 21st @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist: Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God’s message to us. Beginning today — and continuing for the next three consecutive Sundays — we will have the opportunity to explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service. Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025 IT’S EASY AND **ONLINE**



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through March 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.

THANK YOU for your participation!



FIRST-TIME READERS WELCOME TO SERVE AT LENTEN AND EASTER EUCHARISTS:

Have you considered reading Scripture lessons or leading prayers at our Sunday Eucharists, but have yet to try? With *many* opportunities during the upcoming Lenten and Eastertide seasons, we’re encouraging parishioners to give the Reader/Intercessor Ministry a try. Simply contact Agnes, Immanuel’s Lay Ministry Coordinator, at asoos@icoh.net to express your interest. Training offered by request. Thank you!

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD—FEBRUARY 26 — with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

Wednesdays in The World with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs - will NOT gather this Wednesday, 2/19. We will gather again **Wednesday the 26th from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2025

February 19: THIRD WEDNESDAY GOODWIN HOUSE ALEXANDRIA LUNCHEON

Please join us for lunch and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be **February 19**. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

February 21: TOUR OF THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY

The Folger Shakespeare Library underwent a massive renovation during the pandemic and reopened last year. Come with Senior Ministry and Fellowship to tour the new facility and enjoy seeing their many treasures. Get up close with the incredible books, manuscripts, art, and objects that make up the world's largest Shakespeare collection. Learn about his life, the world in which he lived, his plays, and the many ways people have engaged with his language, characters, and stories over four centuries. There are interactive opportunities and self-guided tours.

We will leave from the Zabriskie Parish Hall parking lot at 10am on **Friday, February 21**, and will plan to return no later than 3:00pm. The van will stop at either Goodwin House location and/or at The View if any residents care to leave from there. The Library's new café, *Crumb and Quill*, will be open for lunch beginning at 11:00am.

Admission to the Folger is free, but there is a \$25 copay to ride in the van. Lunch is on your own. Please RSVP to Karen Besser if you are planning to join us for this event

February 25: BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION DURING FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH

The Folger Shakespeare Library celebrates the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday annually with poetry readings by contemporary poets and actors. In the spirit of the Folger's 2025 theme of *Whose Democracy?* this year's readings include "Declaration" by Tracy K. Smith (the US Poet Laureate from 2017-2019), the Gettysburg Address, "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and Dr. King's August 1967 speech "Where Do We Go From Here?"

In recognition of Black History Month, please join other seniors in viewing this presentation virtually during our brown bag lunch on Tuesday, **February 25**, at 12:15pm in the parish hall. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.



**Confirmation Workshop coming up Wednesday, February 26th
5-8:00 p.m., the Fairchild Room**

On March 16, our diocesan Assistant Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris, will be with us at Immanuel to bless, confirm, reaffirm, and receive members into the Episcopal Church. Please let a member of the clergy know if you would like to join in preparing for this sacred rite!

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

Please join us for this special evening as we raise funds and awareness for families facing food insecurity in the City of Alexandria!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH
7PM TO 9PM
BETH EL HEBREW CONGREGATION
3830 Seminary Road



Your ticket buys you a night of delicious food provided by local restaurants, live music, a handcrafted bowl to take home, and the chance to win amazing silent auction items – all while providing support to our Alexandria neighbors in need!

Get Your Tickets Today! **Tickets begin at \$95 per person.** Sponsorships are available!



CARING FOR CREATION: The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions presents an exciting program on Sunday afternoon, **March 9**, 12:30 to 3:30 at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. The guest speaker is Doug Tallamy, best-selling author of *Nature's Best Hope*, a compelling vision for "The Home Grown National Park" which is an on-going national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our own yards, church grounds, farms, school yards, and surrounding lands. Read more by scanning the QR code below.

Note that registration is required for this event.

Questions? Contact Denise Freeland eco.voce@verizon.net



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: “GOD’S PROMISES**”** **SATURDAY, MARCH 15th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 16th** 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 **Matthew 11:25-30** “*Come unto me all you that travail and are heavy laden and I will give you rest*” 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 Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913

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 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

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

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



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