



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 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: Adagio

Eugène Gigout

Processional Hymn 522: “Glorious things of thee are spoken”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Austria

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

S278: *Gloria in excelsis*

found in the front of The Hymnal 1982

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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: Form IV

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

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*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 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 QR code at right.

Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "Brother James' Air"

James Leith Macbeth Bain

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forever more
my dwelling place shall be.

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 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.***

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

14
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.

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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.

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Have mer - cy Have mer - cy Have mer - cy u pon us.

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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.

*We will receive at standing stations.
Please let an usher know if you would like to have Communion brought to you*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Solo: “Esurientes” *from Magnificat* Johann Sebastian Bach

ANGELIKA FARREN, mezzo-soprano

Esurientes implevit bonis,
et divites dimisit inanes.

*He has filled the hungry with good [things],
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

Sung, if needed

Hymn 645: “The King of love my shepherd is” *found in The Hymnal 1982* *St. Columba*

Post Communion Prayer

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*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 460: “Alleluia! sing to Jesus” *found in The Hymnal 1982* *Hyfrydol*

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Postlude: Trumpet Tune

William Boyce

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Dr. Jane Tavernier, and in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Black Tavernier, on the anniversary of her birth.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Crucifer: Beatrice Osumba

Readers: Kathryn Tatko, Mary Ann Rehnke

Intercessor: Dorothy Kellogg

Musicians: The Immanuel Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director and organist
Denise Freeland, Assistant Conductor

Altar Guild: Brooke Roberts

Ushers: Tom Kerns, Doug Onley, Marcus Rarick

Flower Guild: Candy Levin

Audio-Visual: Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas

Coffee Hour Host: Wendy Lane John

Vestry Greeter/Counter: Jennifer Wade Greiner

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

April 26, 2026

**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: Ann MacNamara, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Charlene Murphy, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Doug and Janet, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Beth and Jake, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Claire DeMaggio, Cy Murphy, Donna Becker, Frances, George Rustigian, Gerry, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jill Perkins, Jodi Wilson, John Wise, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Khristie Greiner, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Lizzy, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Martha Sedgwick, Mary Albach, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Polly Hewson, Russ, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Tamika Martin, Lisa Siegrist, Alexander Skubel, Lucas Thompson, Gil Donahue, Nancy Jennings, Sharon Biache Blanchet, Laura Good, Gordon Johnson, Mark Loach, Jessica Turner, and Kristi Kubista-Hovis.

Those who have died: Evelyn Andrews DuBois, George Wade, the eight children of the Elkins/Snow Family who died in the Shreveport, LA mass shooting; victims of the Ayser Çalık Secondary School shooting in Kahramanmaraş Province, Turkey; and M.J. Haight. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:15 a.m., The Welcome Center
SELF-PROTECTION FROM CYBER THREATS

Please join Immanuel's own **Martin Horne**, MPS, Cybersecurity Program Analyst at Aretum LLC, for a forum on digital stewardship. As our work and social lives become more intertwined with technology, safe conduct online is more important than ever. This will be a valuable discussion of personal cyber threats, recognizing nefarious tactics, and practical steps to protect individuals, families, and our church.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, April 28th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, April 29th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday, April 30th @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, April 30th

@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline Friday, May 1st @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

New Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUTREACH (submitted by Jamie Conrad): Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR). Your prayers are requested this week for Offender Aid and Restoration and its work administering alternative sentencing programs and helping people reenter the community after incarceration.



FINAL DAY to SIGN UP: PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT, Memorial Day weekend 2026

Our parish retreat at Shrine Mont is approaching quickly, and Kathryn Jackson Haskin is ready for your reservations! If you've never been to Shrine Mont, or you haven't been with Immanuel, please contact Kathryn with questions or considerations. More information about planned activities and volunteer opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks. To reserve your space, email kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com

Retreat dates: Our retreat is two nights, and the majority of attendees will be there from Saturday to Monday. Scheduled activities begin on Saturday, May 23rd, at lunch, and continue through Monday, May 25th, at breakfast. You can add an additional night and arrive on Friday, May 22nd, with the first meal as dinner on Friday.

Rates for 2026 (per person): These rates are inclusive of meals, applicable taxes, and a small additional fee per person to offset costs associated with the retreat for Immanuel.

- Double: \$209 for two nights; \$308 for three nights
- Single: \$268 for two nights; \$397 for three nights
- Youth (4-13): \$134 for two nights; \$201 for three nights
- Kids 3 and under are free; please note them in your reservation for housing assignments!

Immanuel does have limited funds set aside to help for those for whom attending will be a financial hardship. Please contact Father Randy directly to discuss before submitting your planned attendance to Kathryn.

Attend the Virginia Interfaith Center's "Growing Justice Gala": The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is holding a state-wide fundraiser at Virginia Theological Seminary on **Sunday, April 26, starting with a cocktail reception from 5-6 pm in Scott Lounge.** It will be a great way to meet folks from other congregations who are also working with VICPP to bring about a more just, healthier, and more affordable Virginia. It should be an especially upbeat event given the dramatic success of our legislative agenda this year. There will be inspiring speakers and a great meal. Tickets start at \$100 and are available at <https://virginiainterfaithcenter.networkforgood.com/events/97377-growing-justice-gala>. We also have five guest tickets that you can use to bring along a friend (or even a fellow parishioner) who is unfamiliar with the great work that VICPP does. Contact Jamie Conrad with any questions (and with contact info for a guest ticket).



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN

BAG LUNCH: We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, April 28**, for our *rescheduled* program featuring a video of **The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, DC's Mollegen Lecture "The Politics of Mercy"**, delivered on February 3rd at the Virginia Theological Seminary. This film was originally scheduled for our February brown bag, but was cancelled due to weather concerns. Bring your own sandwich or salad, as drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary. AS ALWAYS, friends and family are welcome to join all Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT'S EASY AND ONLINE: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through JUNE 2026 ONLINE* — including **Foreign Language Readers** for the Feast of Pentecost in Zabriskie and Immanuel Chapels, **and at Shrine Mont** — by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.



If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for a Sunday or two during this season, and/or the Feast of Pentecost only.** Training for all lay ministries available upon request. THANK YOU for your participation!



Wishing Gordon Johnson a happy 100th birthday this Saturday!



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* RESUMES May 13th

Due to the upcoming VTS Commencement and Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Mother Sarah will resume meeting for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on Wednesday, May 13th. All are invited to attend.



PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT NEXT Sunday MAY 3RD, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL

During coffee hour next Sunday, enjoy perusing art work — **textiles, print, sculpture, photography, poetry,** just to name a few — created by your fellow Immanuelites in the parish hall. After the 10 a.m. Eucharist, parishioners and guests can participate in a small silent auction with proceeds to benefit ALIVE!

FORUM HOUR: *Mother's Union in Kenya*, May 10th @ 11:15am, The Welcome Center: Please join our seminarian (and mother of two) Beatrice (Betty) Osumba for a special forum on Mother's Day. She will share her ministry experience with the Mothers' Union in Kenya, specifically within the Diocese of Maseno West. In this forum, we will gain insight into the life, mission, and impact of the Mothers' Union in supporting families, strengthening faith, and fostering community within the Anglican Church. We will also learn how this ministry has shaped Betty's own calling and how it will continue to influence her work in the Church.



Community Volunteers Needed for a Disaster Drill

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is holding a drill and needs "actors" to play roles. This exercise helps VRC staff prepare for disaster response. Saturday, **May 16 from 9:45 a.m. to noon**. No acting experience necessary. Beverages and snacks are provided. Register using the QR code at right.

More about the VRC:

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is a trained organization of local volunteers responsible for opening and running a center to prepare and assign otherwise unaffiliated volunteers from the community to fill roles and needs to help our community recover after a major disaster. If the Red Cross needs a few more volunteers to open a shelter, or the library needs a few people to help clean out a flooded storage area, they can call on the VRC to get the extra hands they need. In short, the VRC is the HR office for disaster volunteers..



MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY'S NEW THEME FOR 2026: "*CONTENTMENT*"

(in accepting love and rejecting fear) **SATURDAY, MAY 16th @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's first monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2026 on **Saturday, May 16th** online via *Microsoft Teams* (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 2026 is *Contentment*. This month we will read **Isaiah 30:18-26** *"...blessed are all who long 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](#)



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- ☆ Scan the QR code at right
- ☆ Sign in to your Google account (*it's free to create one if you don't have one*)
- ☆ Click "Write a Review"
- ☆ Share a few sentences about your experience

Your words may be exactly what someone needs!

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Brian Rush	Social Justice
Diana Walker	Worship, Pastoral Care
Sydney Onley	Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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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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