



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 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.*

PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS, 10:00 a.m.

*Everyone is invited to gather **beginning at 9:50 a.m.** 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.***

MATTHEW 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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.*

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.

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People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

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.*

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 Anthem: "Carol of the Hill"

Stephen H. Paulus

On my ground with a crown of thorn,
He died for us who for us was born.
The tree that flowered is cold and bare;
No songs, no singing anywhere;
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

Second Adam Son of Man, Into my earth your life's blood ran.
Now from this earth new trees will grow
With fruits, with flowers I swear it so.
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

For you I shall wear a crown of trees,
And birds will sing from among their leaves,
For you I shall wear a crown of trees,
Now sing birds sing, from among your leaves; O Jerusalem

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 26:14- 27:66

NOTE: *The entire congregation will read the lines of **the Crowd** in unison.*

NARRATOR: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS: What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?

NARRATOR: The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

PETER: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

NARRATOR: Jesus said.

JESUS: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”

NARRATOR: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

NARRATOR: And the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

PETER: Surely not I, Lord?

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

JUDAS: Surely not I, Rabbi?

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: You have said so.

NARRATOR: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: Take, eat; this is my body.

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to his disciples,

JESUS: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them,

JESUS: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

NARRATOR: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

NARRATOR: Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

NARRATOR: Again Jesus came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

NARRATOR: While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

NARRATOR: At once Judas came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS: Greetings, Rabbi!

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Friend, do what you are here to do.

NARRATOR: Then the crowd came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

NARRATOR: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, Peter sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

FALSE WITNESS: This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

NARRATOR: The scribes and elders answered,

SCRIBE: He deserves death.

NARRATOR: Then they spat in Jesus' face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

ELDER: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

NARRATOR: But Peter denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: I do not know what you are talking about.

NARRATOR: When Peter went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

NARRATOR: Again Peter denied it with an oath,

PETER: I do not know the man.

NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

BYSTANDER 1: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

NARRATOR: Then Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: I do not know the man!

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

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

NARRATOR: And Peter went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. Judas said,

JUDAS: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

NARRATOR: But the chief priests and elders said,

CHIEF PRIEST: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

NARRATOR: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, Judas departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

CHIEF PRIEST: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

NARRATOR: After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,

PROPHET: And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.

NARRATOR: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

NARRATOR: But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to the crowd,

PILATE: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

NARRATOR: For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

WIFE: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

NARRATOR: And the crowd said,

THE CROWD: Barabbas.

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

NARRATOR: All of them said,

THE CROWD: Let him be crucified!

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

NARRATOR: But the crowd shouted all the more,

THE CROWD: Let him be crucified!

NARRATOR: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

PILATE: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

THE CROWD: His blood be on us and on our children!

NARRATOR: So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

SOLDIER: Hail, King of the Jews!

NARRATOR: They spat on Jesus, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross. (*All stand.*) And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

SOLDIER: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

NARRATOR: Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

PASSERBY 1: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!

PASSERBY 2: If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,

CHIEF PRIEST: He saved others; he cannot save himself.

SCRIBE: He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

ELDER: He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDER 1: This man is calling for Elijah.

NARRATOR: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

BYSTANDER 2: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

(Silence may be kept.)

NARRATOR: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CENTURION: Truly this man was God's Son!

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. Joseph went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. Joseph then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

CHIEF PRIEST: Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive,

PHARISEE: He said, "After three days I will rise again."

CHIEF PRIEST: Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,

PHARISEE: "He has been raised from the dead,"

CHIEF PRIEST: and the last deception would be worse than the first.

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

An extended period of silence is observed.



JUDAS AND BYSTANDER 1: Caroline Bergmark

HIGH PRIEST AND PHARISEE: Karen Besser

THE CROWD: THE CONGREGATION

SCRIBE, PASSERBY 2 AND CENTURION: Tom Hewson

SERVANT 1 AND PILATE: Caroline Maas Hicks

ELDER, WIFE, AND SERVANT 2: Dorothy Kellogg

PROPHET: Mollie Lambert

FALSE WITNESS and CHIEF PRIEST: Daryl Ott

JESUS: Brian Ply

NARRATOR: Richard Rogers

PASSERBY 1 AND SOLDIER: Signa Strom

PETER AND BYSTANDER 2: Kathryn Tatko

THE HOMILY: The Rev. Dr. Frank H. Wade

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo: "Ich will bei meinem Jesu wachen"

Johann Sebastian Bach

JAMES BIGGS, tenor

Ich will bei meinem Jesu wachen,
So schlafen unsre Sünden ein.
Meinen Tod
Büßet seine Seelennot;
Sein Trauren machet mich voll Freuden.
Drum muß uns sein verdienstlich
leiden recht bitter und doch süße sein.

*I will watch with my Jesus,
so our sins fall asleep.
My death
is atoned for by his soul's anguish;
his sorrow makes me full of joy.
Therefore his deserved suffering
must be truly bitter and yet sweet to us.*

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 him thanks and praise.***

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

Franz Peter Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

*Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace,
give us your peace.*

Clergy: 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 Anthem: "Ubi Caritas"

Dan Forrest

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
As we are gathered into one body,
Beware, lest we be divided in mind.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease,
And may Christ our God be in our midst.*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque probum
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
And may we with the saints also,
See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good,
Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.*

Sung, if needed

Hymn 170: "To mock your reign, O dearest Lord"

found in The Hymnal 1982

The Third Tune

*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: Signa Strom

Acolyte: Adeline “Addy” Haskin

Readers: Abby Hooper, Kathryn Tatko

Passion Narrative: Caroline Bergmark, Karen Besser, Tom Hewson, Caroline Maas Hicks,
Dorothy Kellogg, Mollie Lambert, Daryl Ott, Brian Ply, Richard Rogers,
Signa Strom, Kathryn Tatko

Intercessor: Dorothy Kellogg

Altar Guild: Brooke Roberts

Flower Guild: Immanuel Flower Guild

Musicians: Adam Tianello, bagpipes; The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director

Ushers: Wilton Corkern, Hartley Hobson Wensing, Kevin Wensing

Vestry Greeter/Counter: Mary Ann Ring

Coffee Hour Host: Connie Kurz

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes
March 29, 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, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Marcus, Marda Robillard, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennis, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, 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, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Leea Gorman, , Leslie Perez, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Mary Albach, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, Will Boggs, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: David Atwood, Rupal Pujara, Bill Hanvey, Cathy Bryan, Ana Christoffersen, David Soergel, Kathryn Jackson Haskin, Doris Ablard, Melissa Ennis, Caro Page Ian Donahue, Bonnie Fairbank, and Cyrus Murphy Jr.

Those who have died: Victims of the storage facility and home shooting in Amarillo, TX: Aaron Harper, Teodora Garcia-Herrera, and Courtney Holman. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs RESUMES April 15th*

In observance of Holy Week and Easter Week, *Wednesdays in the World* is cancelled. Join Mother Sarah on **Wednesday, April 15th** at 10 a.m. for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop.

All are invited to attend.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

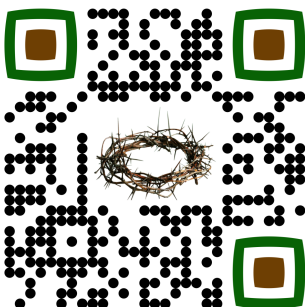
All are welcome to participate

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

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| March 29 | Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite I | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to chapel (<i>gather at VTS white post office</i>) | Immanuel Chapel |
| March 31 | Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer during Holy Week | Zabriskie Chapel |
| April 1 | Wednesday | 12 Noon | Holy Eucharist Rite II | Zabriskie Chapel |
| April 2 | Maundy Thursday | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study “ <i>The Book of Genesis</i> ” (All are welcome) | Online via Zoom |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir, foot washing; followed by overnight watch | Immanuel Chapel |
| April 3 | Good Friday | 12 Noon | Good Friday Stations of the Cross | Immanuel Chapel |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with choir | |
| April 5 | EASTER SUNDAY: Feast of the Resurrection | 8:30 p.m. | Compline (Evening Prayer) | Online via Zoom |
| | | 7:30 a.m. | Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite I | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with full choir, brass, and timpani | Immanuel Chapel |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Children’s Easter Egg Hunt | VTS Grounds |
| April 8 | <i>Quiet Prayer</i> | 11:00 a.m. | Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with full choir, brass, and timpani | Immanuel Chapel |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Clergy-led quiet prayer | Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel |
| April 12 | The Second Sunday of Easter | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite I | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir | Immanuel Chapel |



ALTAR OF REPOSE: JUST TWO MORE NEEDED



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 2nd**, please scan the code at left.

Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12 noon Good Friday.

Special thanks to the 14 who have signed-up to keep watch!

EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2026

As Easter approaches, 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.

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 1ST**. 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:



SPECIAL MUSIC: \$ _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of:



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SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT'S EASY AND ONLINE:

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 2026* ONLINE — including [the Altar of Repose](#) for Maundy Thursday and *Foreign Language Readers* for the Feast of Pentecost — 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 the Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost only**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. THANK YOU for your participation!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP APRIL ACTIVITIES:

TRIP to VISIT ST. ROSE OF LIMA: Join us for a trip to Gaithersburg, MD on **Wednesday, April 22** to visit St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Christine Jeffery, Director of Adult Education and Adult Faith Formation, will provide thoughts on the varied life of the parish and their sanctuary, designed by Immanuel parishioner **Tom Kerns** in 2006. Tom says, "The geometry of the sanctuary creates 'open palms' to hold 800 congregants in a light filled space infused in the artful use of many materials, including the reuse of a giant tree that was removed to allow for construction." He looks forward to sharing the intimacy of this sacred space, which is about twice the size of Immanuel Chapel.

We will leave the Zabriskie parish hall at 9:30am for our 10:30am tour. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Copper Canyon. We plan to return to the Parish Hall around 2:00pm. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$25. These trips with Tom are extremely popular, so please RSVP early for this event at karen.besser@gmail.com. Additional vans can be rented if the demand exists.

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.



NEW STORAGE FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES MINISTRY NEEDED: For the last 20 years since the fire at the Soergels' house, Christmas Families has been housed at 118 N Washington Street hosted by Christ Church. After many years of looking, Christ Church found a new tenant who will lease the entire building. We have been told that we can no longer use the space we've used over 30 years for rent-free.

We need to move next January and need 400-500 sq. ft. of minimally conditioned space, offering access on nights and weekends. Ideally, a location on the first floor that's easily accessible for loading and unloading. We do not have the budget to find a space that requires us to pay rent.

We ask *everyone* to let us know if they have *any* suggestions. Please contact Rich Hobson, richh777@gmail.com, or Linda Serabian, Serabian@somaarchitects.com. Thank you.



Quiet Prayer Resumes, Wednesday, April 8th @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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| The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) | Rector |
| The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) | Associate Rector |
| The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) | Associate Rector |
| Signa Strom (sstrom@vts.edu) | Seminarian |
| Beatrice Osumba (bosumba@vts.edu) | Seminarian |
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| Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net) | Parish Administrator |
| Tim Lawhorn | Sexton |
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| Mollie Lambert (mlambert@icoh.net) | Assistant Treasurer |
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| Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) | Audio Visual Technician |
| Mina Sultani | Nursery Director |
| Tamana Karima | Nursery Assistant |
| Miguelina "Mimi" Guzmann | Hospitality Assistant |

THE VESTRY

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| Mark Fearer | Senior Warden |
| Doug Onley | Junior Warden: Administration |
| Brian Ply | Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds |
| Jennifer W. Greiner | Adult Formation and Discipleship |
| Rich Hobson | Outreach |
| Martin Horne | Communications |
| Taylor Houck | Stewardship and Planned Giving, Registrar |
| Dave John | Fellowship |
| Jim Kurz | Senior Ministry |
| Mary Ann Ring | Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Newcomers, and Evangelism |
| 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

Online

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

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

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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