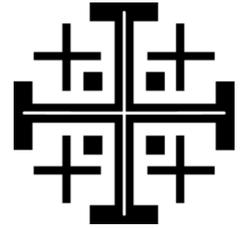




**International Anglican Congregation
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
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Alexandria, Virginia**



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 9, 2018

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 a.m.

HOMECOMING

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.
Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.
In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked
to remain as quiet as possible.*

Processional Hymn *Father Peter's selection from pages 5-6 of this bulletin*

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or *Christe eleison*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

Silence

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



The Epistle: James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?

Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to

them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Silence

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Hymn *Father Peter’s selection from pages 5-6 of this bulletin.*

Praise and Worship

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Peter Gachira

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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The Doxology:

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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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*Sanctus (S128, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)
Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you are able.*

William Mathias

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.**

Communion Hymns: *Father Peter's selection from pages 5-6 of this bulletin*

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Recessional Hymn *Father Peter's selection from pages 5-6 of this bulletin*

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Margaret and Laurence MacNamara, Lawrence MacNamara, Jr.,
and Helen C. Angle, by their family.*

Let us welcome the new International Students at Virginia Theological Seminary:

Mr. Joseph Pager Alaak, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska
The Rev. Pedro Cuebas, Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Anglican Diocese of Western Mexico
The Rev. Deacon Guimond Pierre-Louis, Episcopal Diocese of Haiti
The Rev. Deacon Yoimel Gonzalez Hernandez, Episcopal Diocese of Cuba, Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Rev. Tumaini Sarakikya, The Diocese of Central Tanganyika (Tanzania)
The Rev. Shantakumar Sureshkumar, Diocese of Colombo (Sri Lanka)
The Rev. Daniel Jeyaruban Vijayathanan, Diocese of Colombo (Sri Lanka)



HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I'm in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see
the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power
throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How
great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wan-
der, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How
great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the
cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to
take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How
great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart?
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then
proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

*(Refrain) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while
on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.
Refrain

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy
grace. *Refrain*

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to
me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in
heaven but thee? *Refrain*

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY STAIN

What can wash away my stain? Nothing but the blood
of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing
but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

HE LEADETH ME: O BLESSED THOUGHT!

He lea^deth me: O blessed thought! O words with
heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I
be, Still 'tis God's hand that lea^deth me.

*He lea^deth me, he lea^deth me,
by his own hand he lea^deth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he lea^deth me.*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes
where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er trou-
bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lea^deth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever mur-
mur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis
my God that lea^deth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace
the victories won, e'en death's cold wave I will not
flee, since God through Jordan lea^deth me.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no re - spite know,
 to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy woun - ded side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for - e - ver flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Welcome and Announcements

1. Greetings and warm welcome to our service today. To our visitors we are grateful to have you with us and we invite you to learn more about our congregation.
2. We welcome you to join our **Chapter-a-Day Bible Study** on *WhatsApp*. Please provide us with your contact information by filling the pew cards.
3. Do follow us on Facebook (International Anglican Church). Please “like” our page.
4. We thank all of you for making this church your home and for being part of this ministry. Please invite your friends to all of our celebration.
5. **All are welcome at a Homecoming Potluck Luncheon in the Parish Hall today after Eucharist.**

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HOME⁺COMING POTLUCK LUNCHEON in the Parish Hall

TODAY, September 9, 2018, 12:15p.m.

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All are welcome to join the fun of the Homecoming Potluck!!

Sunday at 11a.m!

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