

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

May 26, 2022

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 6:30 p.m.

Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship.

Prelude: Allegro Franz Joseph Haydn

Opening Hymn 214: "Hail the day that sees him rise"

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! glorious to his native skies; Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia! Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia! take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

- from The Hymnal 1982
- Llanfair
- 3 See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!
- 4 Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia! raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia! there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia! find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation p. 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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*

Gloria p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday. It is always on a Thursday. Ascension Day recalls our Lord's exaltation by being taken gloriously up into heaven. After his crucifixion and resurrection, Holy Scripture tell us he was seen for forty days before he ascended into heaven to be "seated at the right hand of God the Father." After Jesus' ascension, the disciples awaited the promised gift of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem.

The color for the Feast of the Ascension is gold symbolizing festival and joy. An appropriate symbol is a crown for the reign of our Lord.

[excerpt from "Understanding the Seasons: Ascension and Pentecost", found on www.theDiocese.net]

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. People:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.
- For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * 2 he is the great King over all the earth.
- He subdues the peoples under us, * 3 and the nations under our feet.
- He chooses our inheritance for us, * 4 the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- God has gone up with a shout, * 5 the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.

- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.
- The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 494: "Crown him with many crowns"

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

from The Hymnal 1982

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- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
 Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After the words "Lord, have mercy," the congregation responds with "*Christ, have mercy*."

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Clergy: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Organ Solo:

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 2

p. 60 EOW

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 our thanks and praise.

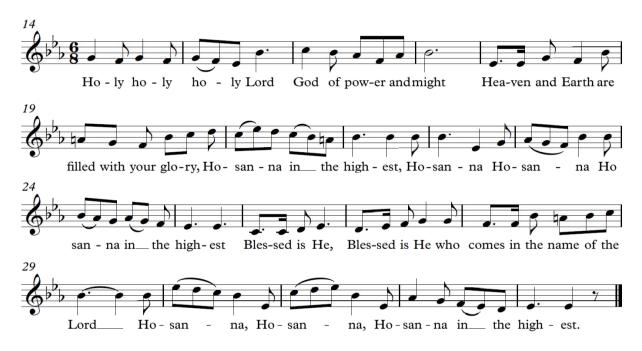
The Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier



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The Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [______ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen

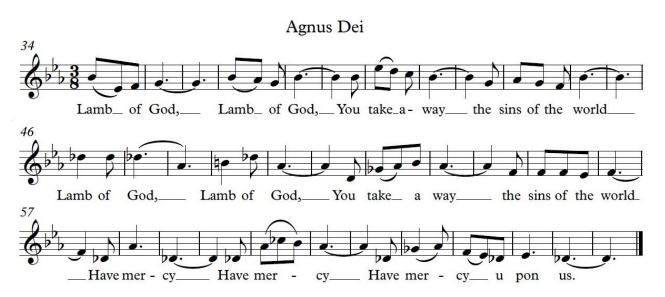
Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier



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

We are now able to offer Communion in both kinds.

To receive the consecrated Bread only, kindly extend one outstretched hand, palm up.

To receive the consecrated Bread intincted in the Wine, please extend both hands, palms up.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Hymn 711: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Seek Ye First

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *Alleluia*, *alleluia*! *Allelu*, *alleluia*!
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *Alleluia*, *alleluia*! *Alleluia*! *Alleluia*!

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. *Amen*

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
 his the scepter, his the throne;
 Alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone;
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus out of every nation
 hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
 his the scepter his the throne;
 Alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone;
 Hark! the songs of holy Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus out of every nation
 hath redeemed us by his blood.

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

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Musician*: Dr. Jane Tavernier

Flower Guild: Sally Guy Brown, Connie Kurz

Audio-Visual: John Bednar Celebrant: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL Parish Notes May 26, 2022

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

IN THE NAME OF 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.

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, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Sughra Bakhtiari, and Mary Margaret Winn.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, McQuade Milligan, Scott De Vight, Reagan, Waide Egener, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, Linda and Cy Murphy, Molly Grey, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Louise Jackson, Laney Langtry, and Jimmy Young.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Alexandra Kelley, Leif Siegrist, Agnes Soos, Elizabeth Casey, Roger Gildersleeve, Benton Powell-Switaj, David John, Rayna Johnson, Brian Latimer, Gabriel Marcu, Mave Milligan, Jackie Rustigan, Rachel Wilson, Laura Parsons, Donna Paul, Army Robinson, Margaret Powell, Anna Skubel, Nancy Bishop, Macon Malone, and Patsy Rogers.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

Those who we recently learned have died: Victims of the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, TX *Students*: Neveah Alyssa Bravo, Jacklyn Cazares, Makenna Lee Elrod, Jose Flores, Jr., Eliahna Garcia, Uziyah Garcia, Amerie Jo Garza, Xavier Javier Lopez, Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, Tess Marie Mata, Miranda Mathis, Alithia Ramirez, Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, Lexi Rubio, Layla Salazar, Jailah Nicole Siguero, Elijah Cruz Torres, Rogelio Torres, and *Teachers* Irma Garcia and Eva Mireles; Alexadria High School Student Luis Mejia Hernandez, the now-identified victims of the Tops Friendly Supermarket shooting in Buffalo, NY: Celestine Chaney, Roberta A. Drury, Andre Mackneil, Katherine Massey, Margus D. Morrison, Heyward Patterson, Aaron Salter, Geraldine Talley, Ruth Whitfield, and Pearl Young; and Marine Corporal Jovennie Anthony Jeremiah. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them*.

Register for Shrine Mont Camps by June 1st!

For details and to register, visit https://www.shrinemontcamps.net/registration If viewing online, click on the logo at right. See you there!

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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