



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



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The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

*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.*

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#### 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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#### The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

*Silence*

## Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## The Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence*

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark  
Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Jan A. Maas

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

After the Intercessor says “God of all wisdom”,  
the congregation responds “*Draw us to you.*”

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer II

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*Sanctus and Benedictus*

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The Lord’s Prayer

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Agnus Dei*

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*All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.  
If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.  
Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving recognition of the birthday of the late Georgia Shepherd Mass, given by her husband, The Rev. Jan A. Maas, and daughter, Katherine Maas.*

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**Serving at this Eucharist:** *Acolyte:* The Rev. Deacon Stephen Crippen; *Altar Guild:* Susan Gildersleeve; *Chalice:* Faith Olson; *Flower Guild:* Martha Manson; *Reader:* Ken McDonald; *Usher:* Rollin Huntington; *Coffee Hosts:* Connie Kurz, Jim Kurz; *Vestry Greeter:* Keith June; *Vestry Counter:* Jim Clausen; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Jan A. Maas