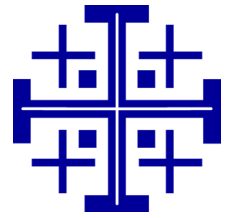




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

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

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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

The Gloria

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*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 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: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Gayle, and Mark our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*

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 code at right.

Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; p. 343
People: *and of thine own, have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II p. 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Sanctus and Benedictus p. 334

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

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 receive at a standing station.

Please let the usher know if you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

*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

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader/Intercessor: Rosi Urbine

Altar Guild: Diana Walker

Usher: Dodd Sims

Flower Guild: Karen Besser

Coffee Hour Host: Sujatha Augustine

Vestry Greeter/Counter: Mark Fearer

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 3, 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, Kathryn Tatko, Ken McDonald, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Margaret Coakley, 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: Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Chandley McDonald, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Alisa Pereira, Anne Patton, and Aria Enright.

Those who have died: Wanda Jordan Ganger Birch, and victims of the West Maypole Avenue sidewalk shooting, Chicago, IL: Kenneth M. Bell Jr., Lavell Lee, and Rickia Williams. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT TODAY ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL

Join us for a cultural coffee hour showcasing art work — **textiles, print, sculpture, photography, poetry**, just to name a few — created by your fellow Immanuelites. After the 10 a.m. Eucharist, parishioners and guests can participate in a small silent auction for a few items; all proceeds to benefit the local Alexandria charity, ALIVE!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, May 6th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

***Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, May 6th @ 5:15 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, May 7th

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

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

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

NEW: Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 10am. ALL are invited to attend.



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUTREACH (submitted by Rick Glassco): Our prayers are requested this week for the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and its many Holy Land social, medical and educational ministries open to all, including Al Ahli hospital in Gaza.



The ***Quiet Prayer*** group will move to Zabriskie Chapel for a few weeks, beginning this **Wednesday, at 5:15 PM**. The group will continue to meet on Wednesdays at Zabriskie until June 24th, take a break for the Summer, and then begin again in September. All are welcomed and invited to join in this valuable time of connecting with God, in the midst of 45 minutes of silence, while surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ.



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’ll also learn how this ministry has shaped Betty’s own calling and how it will continue to influence her work in the Church.



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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP MAY EVENTS

Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will travel to the **FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN AMERICA, WASHINGTON, DC**, on **May 12th** to enjoy their beautiful, serene gardens in spring bloom. Rather than a guided “tour,” we will be free to wander at our own pace. The paths cover approximately half a mile, and while about half of the garden encompasses a hillside, they are fully accessible and there are lots of seats for rest and relaxation.

We will leave from the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot at 10:00am and plan to return no later than 1:00pm. A free lunch will be provided for us in the Parish Hall upon our return. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$25 and there is no cost for the gardens. Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA on May 20 at noon in the Fillmore room. Please join us for luncheon and conversation. RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH: SAINTS ALIVE! Do you ever wonder if there are folks among us who will be recognized in future times as saints? When Pauli Murray spent her third year of seminary at VTS in 1975-76 she was 65 years old, and had been a civil rights lawyer, a co-founder of the National Organization for Women, and a published author and poet. Extraordinary certainly, but...a saint? But Murray, who was ordained in January 1977 and died in July 1985, was added to the Calendar of Commemorations of the Episcopal Church, and thus to Holy Women, Holy Men at General Convention 2012.

Come and let’s learn more about Pauli Murray’s life and talk about what role Holy Women and Holy Men have in our lives. (Rescheduled from January.)

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, May 26**. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and 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.



Help others find Immanuel! Your review on Google can help people searching for a faith community. It only takes a minute.

- ☆ 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!



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT’S EASY AND ONLINE: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through JULY 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!



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](#)



SAVE the DATE for a FREE CONCERT: Sunday, May 17th @ 4p.m, Zabriskie Chapel

Dr. Jane Tavernier presents The Lyric Opera of Arlington's
"The Magic and Mystery of Wagner"



RSVP needed: Alexandria Regional Youth Games Night - May 17, 6-8pm



Come together with youth (rising 6th-12th grade) from Episcopal Churches across Alexandria for a night of fellowship and games, hosted at Grace Episcopal Church, Russell Road. Dinner will be provided, but please send your youth with \$5 to help offset the cost of food. We will play games (outside, weather-permitting); both chill games and active games will be offered. RSVP via the QR code at left. Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

Rising 6th graders! You are most welcome to attend!

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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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