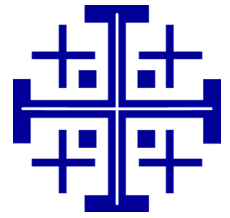




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

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

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

Today, the first Sunday in Lent, we begin the liturgy with The Great Litany. Dating to 1544, the Litany was the first liturgical rite translated into the English language, and has become a global tradition of the Anglican Church. The Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People, and the Confession are omitted today, as they are covered by the various petitions of the Litany.

THE GREAT LITANY

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People: ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare

to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *Qui habitat*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Lord.*

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

The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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

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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

The Lord's Prayer

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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.

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Bertus Shelters
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Usher:</i>	Doug Henry
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Connie Kurz
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	Leah and Darrell Wilson
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

March 9, 2025

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: Aggie Fortune, Andrew, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Piper Horne, Cynthia Morton, Richard Hobson Jr., Melinda Snow Teske, Al Waite Jr., Albert Burgess, Jenifer Larson, Jake Cohn, Jeremy Enright, and Jackie Phillips.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Caring for Our Immigrant Neighbors: Christ Church/Alexandria Forum Hour TODAY at 11:30a.m.

Our friends at the Christ Church refugee ministry, which is supported by Immanuel's Outreach budget, have invited us to join their forum hour in their church's Meade Room (118 N. Washington St). Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA) Michelle Swearingen, Legal Advocate with RILA, will provide an overview of the current refugee and immigrant policy situation, and how RILA supports refugees and immigrants.. They will also go over ways we can care for our immigrant neighbors in the face of uncertainty and changing policies. Please direct questions to [Julie Bruns](#) or [David Atwood](#).



The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, will visit Immanuel next Sunday, March 16th, at the 10:30 Eucharist. The bishop will preach and celebrate the Eucharist, and the visitation will include Confirmation and Reception into the Church, followed by a festive reception.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, March 11th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, March 12th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”
Thursday, March 13th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, March 14th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

Join her this Wednesday, **March 12th** from **10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: “**GOD’S PROMISES**” **SATURDAY, MARCH 15th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, March 15th** online via Zoom (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 2025 is *God’s Promises*. This month we will read **Matthew 11:25-30 “Come unto me all you that travail and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”** 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 Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



Several members of the social justice ministry have decided to use the daily Lenten devotional and reflection prompts from Episcopal Relief and Development in our Lenten practice. We have committed to reading and reflecting on the daily messages, and then we will gather periodically through Lent to share what this practice is bringing up or revealing about God. If you'd like to join us in this practice, please email or text Kathryn Jackson Haskin (Kathryn.Jackson41@gmail.com) to be notified of the opportunities to gather. We will select a time for our first gathering based on the availability of participants, no earlier than March 15.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: MARCH - APRIL 2025 IT’S EASY AND **ONLINE**

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through April 2025* **ONLINE** by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. **THANK YOU for your participation!**

FIRST-TIME READERS WELCOME TO SERVE AT LENTEN AND EASTER EUCHARISTS:

Have you considered reading Scripture lessons or leading prayers at our Sunday Eucharists, but have yet to try? With *many* opportunities during the upcoming Lenten and Eastertide seasons, we're encouraging parishioners to give the Reader/Intercessor Ministry a try. Simply contact Agnes, Immanuel's Lay Ministry Coordinator at asoos@icoh.net to express your interest. Training offered by request. Thank you!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

March 19: THIRD WEDNESDAY GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON : Please join us for luncheon and conversation in the Filmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be March 19. Please RSVP to Mother Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

March 25: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with TOM KERNS: We are welcoming our own Tom Kerns to return to the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag this month. Architect par excellence, Tom will share his experience with the renovation of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Georgetown. Trinity, founded in 1787, is the oldest Roman Catholic community in continuous operation in Washington, DC.

Please join other seniors to hear Tom talk about his work at this historic parish at our brown bag lunch on Tuesday, March 25, at 12:15pm in the parish hall. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.

Tom will follow up his talk by taking us to visit the parish on Thursday, April 24. Please put that date on your calendar and watch for details of the trip later.

March 31: Grandchildren Welcome to Join Our Washington, DC Daytrip to Visit THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM and THE NATIONAL BONSAI & PENJING MUSEUM

We have a forecast for peak cherry blossom blooming, and plan to take full advantage by heading to the National Arboretum to do hanami (the Japanese word for cherry blossom viewing). We will go on Monday, March 31 and grandchildren are especially welcome to join us on this trip.

The Arboretum's 40 discrete varieties of cherry blossom tree are spread out over 27 sites within almost 450 acres, so we will employ the van to get us from place to place. We will hope for hanafubuki, the experience of having a gust of wind shower our vehicle with blossoms swirling in the air. We will also visit the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum for the fascinating exhibit, *Sakura Orihon, Diary of a Cherry Blossom Journey*.

We will gather in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. for a quick brunch of quiche and fruit before leaving the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:15 a.m, and plan to return no later than 3:30pm. You can also have the van pick you up and drop you off at either Goodwin House location or at The View (but alas, no quiche for you). There is no cost for the lunch and a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser (karen.besser@gmail.com) as soon as possible, so that if we have significant response to this trip there will be enough time to schedule a second van.

NOTE on APRIL EVENTS: In observance of Holy Week and Easter, neither the Goodwin House luncheon nor the brown bag lunch will take place during the month of April. We plan to resume both events in May.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Mark Fearer Social Justice
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Rich Hobson Outreach
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Dave John Fellowship
 Doug Onley Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mary Ann Ring Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Brian Rush Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
 Bert Shelters Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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 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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