

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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; and of thine own, have we given thee. p. 343

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

Celebrant and People

*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: 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

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Our worship had ended, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

LAETARE SUNDAY: Today, the fourth Sunday in Lent, we celebrate what is known in Western Christianity as Laetare Sunday. Though we are in the middle of Lent, this Sunday is traditionally set aside as a day of celebration and relaxation from the somber tones of Lent. Flowers often return to the church, our music is lighter, and in some churches, the vestments are rose colored. It is a day of hope; Easter is just 21 days away.

Laetare is Latin for the first few words of an introit often used on this Sunday, *Laetare Jerusalem* (Rejoice, O Jerusalem.)

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Bryan Ply
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Usher:</i>	Pierre Shostal
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Bertus Shelters
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

March 30, 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 Alexander, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joan Raybold, John Richards, 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, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Kathy Porter, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tim Williams, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: David Atwood, Rupal Pujara, Billie Tyler, Bill Hanvey, Cathy Bryan, Ana Christoffersen, Kathryn Jackson Haskin, Doris Ablard, Will Ashton Jr., Melissa Ennis, Caro Page, Ian Donahue, Jay Hambrick, Bonnie Fairbank, Cyrus Murphy Jr., and David Fite.

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

Our Lenten Series “*Grace in the Life of the Believer*” Continues

Today we will examine how grace shows up in the sacraments of the Church. This will be a good opportunity for learning and review about the Church’s worship while also looking at the sacraments through perhaps a new lens and perspective. We will look at the Prayer Book texts and consider how God’s grace is mediated to us through the sacraments.

Led by Father Randy, and joined by Mother Susan and the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs, we will begin at about 11:45 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee in the parlor and some refreshments and make your way over to the Welcome Center. There will be time for questions and discussion, also.

EASTER MUSIC AND SPECIAL FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2025

As Easter approaches, you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Easter brass musicians and/or Altar flowers for our Easter Sunday Eucharists. **For the first time, we are offering Sponsorships for beloved Easter blooms that have risen greatly in price** — like our special Christmas music, names will appear first in our bulletins and remain on the Flowers page of our website for *at least* three months.

To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. To make your dedications online, scan the QR code below or visit our website and click on "[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)" image on our landing page.

Names will be printed in our Easter bulletins for all donations received **by noon** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



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Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 1st @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Lenten Centering Prayer led by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
Tuesday, April 1st @ 5:15 p.m., the Oratory Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 2nd, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”
Thursday, April 3rd @ 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, April 4th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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

Join her *next* Wednesday, April 9th from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP DAYTRIP

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 tomorrow 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 10:30a.m. for a quick brunch of quiche and fruit before leaving the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:15a.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) *today*, as we have just a few seats available in our 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.



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!**



Invitation to CONFESSION: Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, "All may; none must; some should." Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one's Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy. You can read over the rite for private confession in *The Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 447.



Mindful Parking: Help Us Help Others: Keeping our physically-challenged parishioners and visitors in mind, we ask all to please keep the parking spaces *directly in front of* both chapels for those in need of handicap spaces. Thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.



ALTAR OF REPOSE SCHEDULE NOW ONLINE

If you can help us keep watch by staying in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel for one hour during the Overnight Prayer Vigil, Maundy Thursday, April 17, please scan the code at right. Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12noon Good Friday.

Thank you.



Altar of Repose



CANDY REQUEST FOR THE EASTER EGGS! In preparation for our upcoming Easter morning celebration and egg hunt, we are seeking donations of candy. If you are able to contribute, please leave a bag of egg-stuffing sized candy in the bin on the table outside of Rev. Sarah's office in Zabriskie Chapel by April 3rd. Thank you!



NOTE TO PARENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT SACRED SPACES: We are blessed at Immanuel with the boundless energy and passion of increasing numbers of children, for which we give deep thanks. We are also glad that children feel comfortable at Immanuel, that they feel at home and safe in this community. We do, however, need to look out for their safety and protection, and for the protection of those sacred spaces. In particular, parents are asked to keep an eye out for their children after the 10:30 Eucharist, as some have been seen climbing on the walls of the Chapel Garden and ruins of the old chapel. This is both dangerous for them and not respectful towards those whose ashes are interred there. Let's all work together to make sure our children can be children while also protecting them and the sacred spaces in our care.

SUPPORT REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

The Christ Church Refugee Ministry has been supported for many years by this congregation by the outreach committee and the many parishioners who donate their time to help resettle these wonderful families.

Spring2ACTion Early Giving began March 26 and runs through April 9! Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Currently the Christ Church Refugee Ministry has the highest number of families seeking help at one time in the history of the ministry.

These are Afghans who worked for the American government and are here with Special Immigration Visa (SIV) status. They arrived between October 2024 and January 2025. They are not self-sufficient due to inadequate resettlement or the ending of resettlement benefits and services.

Our Refugee Ministry has been in existence since 2016, and we have an amazing track record of helping over 100 families reach independence and make the United States their home. We want to be able to do this for the families coming to us now and frankly if we do not, we are not sure what will happen to them.

Your generous donation will directly support the Refugee Ministry at Historic Christ Church with:

- **Rental assistance**
- **Food and toiletries**
- **Medical and dental care**
- **Emergency expenses**
- **Family activities and community gatherings**
- **Case management services**

These funds will ensure that refugee families receive the help and support they need to thrive in our community. Every dollar you give will make a direct impact, providing essential aid and fostering a welcoming environment for those in need.

How You Can Help:



- Scan the QR code at left to donate.
- Share this opportunity with friends, family, and colleagues to help us reach our goal.



Eager to Help Our Refugee Neighbors? Join The Christ Church Refugee Ministry Care Team and make a lasting impact! Volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. Help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help them thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! Contact David Atwood (atwooddavid@gmail.com), Julie Bruns (drbruns@verizon.net), (Kathy Conrad (kathypconrad@gmail.com), Nancy Reuschel (nancyreuschel@hotmail.com), Linda Serabian (serabian@somaarchitects.com), or Pierre Shostal (pshks@aol.com) to request training. If you are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with our Refugee Coordinator, **Cessilye Smith** at Christ Church at 703-549-1450.

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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

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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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