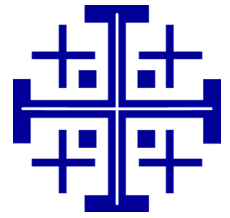




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE Second SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

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

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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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

#### The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying



each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio***

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

#### **The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

#### **The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons**

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**The Peace**

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

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

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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.*

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## **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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*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: Our worship had ended, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

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## SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Chip Coakley
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Usher:</i>	Doug Henry
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Connie Kurz
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	Taylor Houck, Melissa Houck
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Taylor Houck
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### March 16, 2025

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**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](http://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, 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, Hudson Milligan, 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, 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:** Constance Casey, Harry Diffendal, Hillary C. Parker, Peter Albritton, Jack Hambrick, Cassidy McCaslin, Marcus Rarick, Patrick Tribe, Ruthie Christino, Lizzie Peabody, Marianne Ingold, Michael Pawlukiewicz, and Jahi Stockton.

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

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## **NEXT SUNDAY Our Lenten Series “*Grace in the Life of the Believer*” Begins**

Join the Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D. of Virginia Theological Seminary in the Welcome Center next Sunday at 11:45a.m. for the first presentation and discussion on the role of grace in St. Paul’s epistles.



**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.

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Lenten Centering Prayer led by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley  
Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m., The Oratory Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”  
Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

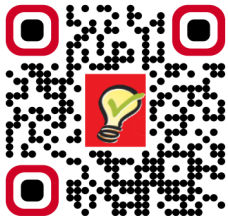
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Evening Compline, Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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

Join her this Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



**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](http://ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. **THANK YOU** for your participation!



### *The Desert Shall Rejoice: Hope in Troubling Times* - A Lenten Retreat with **Bishop Susan Goff**

Wednesday, March 19th, Livestreamed from Grace & Holy Trinity Church  
8 N. Laurel Street, Richmond, VA 23220

Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women, all are invited to attend a Lenten led by the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff retreat this Wednesday at Grace & Holy Trinity Church from 9a.m. - 2p.m. and will include opportunities for fellowship, a Holy Eucharist/Healing Service, and discussion during lunch.

To register, contact **Catherine Perrin** at [catherineperrin@comcast.net](mailto:catherineperrin@comcast.net) with your name, church's name, and email address. Indicate if you will attend in-person or watching via livestream and need the link.

There is no cost for this retreat; however, donations are greatly appreciated to defray the cost and add to the Diocesan ECW's "Gifts and Scholarship Fund" at <https://ecwnational.org/resources/donations-grants/>.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**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](mailto: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.



### **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.



Altar of Repose

Thank you.



*Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves Through Pumpkins*  
**Immanuel Outreach Ministry: Christ House Meals**

**Christ House Meals Ministry Welcomes – and Needs – More Helpers.** This is a relatively low-time-commitment but **high impact** way to show our love to our most vulnerable neighbors in Alexandria—with delicious, hot meals. We meet six times a year – the **third Wednesday evening every other month** – to prepare hot meals at Christ House (Old Town corner of Prince & S. West Streets). Volunteers opt to engage in one or more of these short list of tasks: shop for ingredients for that month's agreed dinner menu—(which Pumpkin Patch money pays for through an established Immanuel voucher reimbursement process); pre-cook meatloaf or another entree the day before as a group or portions individually at home (as a small group, we have lots of flexibility); and, as a team, assemble some 75 hot meals in the Christ House kitchen that are the distributed at 5 PM "to go" to vulnerable Alexandrians.

Kitchen volunteers follow basic CH food safety protocols. Shoppers are promptly reimbursed through an established expense voucher processing system. And... we have fun! **There's nothing like that warm, cozy feeling of working together to feed people who so appreciate a fresh meal.**

Please join us regularly, or when you are able! We have a small core team, but the group that prepares each meal is a mix of who can assist that round. Christ House welcomes high school volunteers 14 years and older. If you aren't sure and just want to give it a try, please email Eileen Monnin-Kirby directly at [edmkirby@gmail.com](mailto:edmkirby@gmail.com) **We would appreciate your help!**



**PRESERVING GOD'S CREATION: *How to Kindly Wake Up Our Spring Gardens***

Please resist the urge to rake up all the leaves from winter. Why? Our delightful fireflies, wood frogs, butterflies, salamanders, and other beneficial creatures bury themselves in leaf litter to survive the winter. If the leaves are removed too soon in the spring, we risk eliminating those species from our gardens, reducing its biodiversity.

Instead, consider waiting until daytime temperatures are above 50 degrees for at least 7 days in a row before removing the leaves. This gives the species living in the leaves time to emerge and survive. And remember, those rotting leaves are very good for garden soil as they break down and release nutrients back into the garden.

— courtesy of the *Creation Care Ministry Team*



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](mailto: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 soon.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 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**

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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 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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**Ways to GIVE**