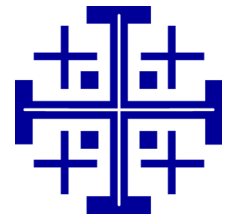




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025

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

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

or

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

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The Collect of the Day

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be

near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli aemulari*

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

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

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

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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

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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. p. 337

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.

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

*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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Crucifer:</i>	Brian Ply
<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Brian Ply
<i>Usher:</i>	Tom Brown
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Martha Manson
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Connie Kurz
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 23, 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, Ann MacNamara, Anne Ritchie, Baby Margaret, 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, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, 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, Elizabeth, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, 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: John Bednar, Susan Cavanaugh, Sarah Clement, Thom Hussey, Sarah Kell, Kathy Lloyd, Spencer Wise, Jan Campbell, Betsy DeMulder, Susan Wiard, Holden Rush, Arthur Braun, Juliet Houck, Len Lynch Jr., Keith June, Jack Zoeller, Chip Coakley, Leota Johnson, Nicole Gill, and Sharon Waiss.

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

Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist

Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God's message to us. We will have the opportunity to explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, February 24th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, February 25th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”
Thursday, February 26th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 27th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

SIGN-UP TO SERVE: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025 IT'S EASY AND **ONLINE**



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through March 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!



**Confirmation Workshop coming up Wednesday, February 26th
5-8:00 p.m, the Fairchild Room**

On March 16, our diocesan Assistant Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris, will be with us at Immanuel to bless, confirm, reaffirm, and receive members into the Episcopal Church. Please let a member of the clergy know if you would like to join in preparing for this sacred rite!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

February 25: BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION DURING FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH

The Folger Shakespeare Library celebrates the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday annually with poetry readings by contemporary poets and actors. In the spirit of the Folger's 2025 theme of [*Whose Democracy?*](#) this year's readings include "*Declaration*" by Tracy K. Smith (the US Poet Laureate from 2017-2019), the Gettysburg Address, "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*", and the Rev. Dr. King's August 1967 speech "[*Where Do We Go From Here?*](#)"

In recognition of Black History Month, please join other seniors in viewing this presentation virtually during our brown bag lunch on [Tuesday, February 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.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather this Wednesday, February 26th

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



EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER: Please join us for this special evening as we raise funds and awareness for families facing food insecurity in the City of Alexandria!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH
7PM TO 9PM
BETH EL HEBREW CONGREGATION
3830 Seminary Road**

Your ticket buys you a night of delicious food provided by local restaurants, live music, a handcrafted bowl to take home, and the chance to win amazing silent auction items – all while providing support to our Alexandria neighbors in need!

Get Your Tickets Today! **Tickets begin at \$95 per person.**
Sponsorships are available!



CARING FOR CREATION: The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions presents an exciting program on Sunday afternoon, **March 9**, 12:30 to 3:30 at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. The guest speaker is Doug Tallamy, best-selling author of *Nature's Best Hope*, a compelling vision for "The Home Grown National Park" which is an on-going national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our own yards, church grounds, farms, school yards, and surrounding lands. Read more by scanning the QR code below.

Note that registration is required for this event.

Questions? Contact Denise Freeland eco.voce@verizon.net



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, November 16th** 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



SUSTAINABILITY TIP: *What to do with plastic bags?*

During the pandemic in 2021, Immanuel collected 500 pounds of plastic bags which TREX turned into a lovely bench for our garden. Subsequently, Virginia enacted a plastic bag tax to help reduce plastic pollution and single-use bags which has continued to keep **nearly 4 million bags** out of our waterways, parks, and bellies of local wildlife.

If those pesky plastic bags still show up at home, remember you can take **them to any location of Giant, Safeway, Wegmans, and Harris Teeter**. The collection bins are usually near the entrance.

Then, take the next step and invest in a few **reusable bags** that you can leave in your car or other convenient location reminding you to use reusable bags and to refuse the single-use plastic bags.



— Courtesy of the *Creation Care Ministry Team*

**Immanuel’s Creation Care
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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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