



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 2024

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

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

The Sermon: Ms. Beatrice Osumba, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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.*

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

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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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Celebrant *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*
and People *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

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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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.*

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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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.

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Chip Coakley
Usher: Pierre Shostal
Altar Guild: Diana Walker
Flower Guild: Karen Besser
Coffee Hour Host: Diana Walker
Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander



Forum Hour *TODAY:* 11:45a.m., The Welcome Center

“WHY DOES GOD ALLOW EVIL AND SUFFERING?”

led by **The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.**
Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary

All Saints’ Holy Eucharists

Friday, November 1st @ 12:00 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel
and Sunday, November 3rd @ 8:00 a.m.; Zabriskie Chapel and 10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel

Would you like to lift the name of a friend or relative up in prayer on All Saints’? If so, please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2023 through this year by noon on Wednesday, October 30th via email at dedications@icoh.net or by phone by calling (703) 370-6555, dialing **extension “508”**, and leaving a detailed voicemail message on our Dedication Line.

All names — including those previously listed in this year’s Sunday parish notes — will be in all bulletins November 1st and 3rd, and in Immanuel’s Book of Remembrance.

Social Justice Committee meeting in-person and on Zoom
Tuesday, October 29th 7:30 PM,
Preceded by Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM

Any interested parishioners are invited to join this month's Social Justice committee meeting at 7:30 PM Tuesday evening in the Upper Room (or online via Zoom); our meeting will be preceded by 7:00 PM Evening Prayer, also in the Upper Room, and available as well on Zoom. We have a full and exciting agenda, discussing some recent events, including Sunday's VTS Reparations Forum Hour, as well as planning the next 2-3 months. Here is the Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person: Join Zoom Meeting by scanning the QR code below. The passcode is 872377.



Scan 10/29 for Zoom

Do you know Alexandria has an Office of Climate Action?

Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry invites you to learn more by joining us and the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) on **Wednesday, November 6, in the Zabriskie Parish Hall**. **Ryan Freed, Director of Alexandria's Office of Climate Action**, will be our featured guest.

Fellowship begins at 6:30 PM with light finger food and beverages. The main program starts at 7:00 PM and will also be available on Zoom. Discussion will focus on ways this city can support faith communities in addressing climate change and climate justice.

Please register for this free event by scanning the QR code at right. Questions? Contact Denise Freeland: <mailto:eco.voce@verizon.net>



IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 27, 2024

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. Both chapels offer 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. 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, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Joseph, Ken and Mia Mason, Kenny, Lynn Gas, Mable Randolph, Marianne Ingold, Margaret Messenger, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Patsy Rogers, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Felicia Balzano, George Rustigian, Gerald, Gerard Ennis, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Matteo Kabay, McQuade Milligan, Mary Leonard, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Shelby Ochs Owen, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Trey Hobson, Claire Campbell, Virginia Campbell, Laura Ellis, Patrick Kane, Emily Clausen, Hugo Horne, Theodore Papish, Lily Pinner, Sandhya Augustine, Tom Peabody, Huw Maltbie, and Max Freeborn.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

NASA Astronauts on Extended Service Aboard the International Space Station: Commander Barry “Butch” Wilmore and Pilot Sunita “Suni” Williams.

The Rector is happy to announce the birth of **Rixey Rose Sheridan**, daughter of our former Assistant Rector the Rev. Sam Sheridan and his wife, the Rev. Mary Margaret Winn.

TODAY!

EYC (6th-12 graders) Old Town Ghost Tour!

TODAY!

October 27 at 6pm — Free of charge. Meet the Rev. Sarah at Market Square, tour the city with some great stories, and end in the Christ Church yard with the hauntingly beautiful All Hallows’ Eve Service.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 29th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 30th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Job*”

Thursday, October 31st @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, November 1st @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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. Beginning today — and continuing for the next three consecutive Sundays — 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.

FINAL WEEK of Pumpkin Patch 2024: *Apple Crisp Making Continues*

Thank you – thank you – thank you to everyone who came out and helped unload pumpkins – the Patch is up and running! Many thanks to all the soup makers, bakers, knitters – sellers – Patch Preppers – so many hands have volunteered time, talent, and treasure to get us going this year. We need your help – soups, baked goods, **apple crisp makers** -- there’s a job for everyone! Look for “*Pumpkins: Everything You Need to Know About Immanuel's Pumpkin Patch 2024*” emails from Immanuel and emails from our Soup Wranglers, Baked Goods Coordinators, and Apple Crisp Coordinator. Plastic soup containers are available in the Parish Hall and Immanuel Chapel parlor– please help keep fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups. Please help keep our delicious baked goods supplies fresh and tempting!

Since the year 2000 (when we first started keeping detailed records), your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,308,000 for Outreach charities such as ALIVE!, Carpenter’s Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, Five Talents, Haiti Micah Project, Christ Church Refugee Ministry, and other organizations that aid the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children. Immanuel’s Outreach gives every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved. Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at left. We especially need help on weekends! Thank you again – and see you at the Patch!



With Grace and Gratitude – *Immanuel Outreach*

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

We will gather again this Wednesday, October 30th.

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

THE BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

*If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life, come to our biweekly **Benedictine Community** via Zoom*

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We regather for reflection on **Tuesday, November 5** and meet (virtually) twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7 pm-8 pm.

As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently reading and reflecting on Kathleen Norris's book, *Cloister Walk*. Our focus each week is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom. We may very occasionally have hybrid meetings using Zoom with simultaneous gathering in the parish hall for those nearby.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following:

Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com)
or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS OCTOBER 2024

NOVEMBER 13 -VISIT TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART (NGA): Join Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship on Wednesday, November 13 to view the exhibit *PARIS 1874 – The Impressionist Moment*. This exhibit was put together by the NGA together with the Musee d’Orsay in Paris and will leave Washington in mid-January to be displayed in Paris. There is no guided tour of this exhibit, so you will be free to view it at your own pace, and we will have plenty of time for lunch at the Cascade Café and shopping in the gift shop.

The van will be leaving the Parish Hall parking lot around 10:30pm, and we will plan to return no later than 3:00pm. As always, we will offer pick up at either Goodwin House or at The View. There is a \$20 co-pay to ride in the van. There is no cost for admission to the National Gallery.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com by Sunday, November 10.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024 - IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through DECEMBER* ONLINE — including The Feast of All Saints', Thanksgiving Eve, Feast of Christ the King, Gaudete Sunday and Christmas masses —by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button** online by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net

THANK YOU for your participation!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND VOTER INFORMATION

Voter information for Virginia: Election day is next Tuesday, November 5th, and there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ Verify or update your voter registration status or address at the user-friendly Virginia elections website
- ✓ Locate your neighborhood voting location at the same website
- ✓ Apply for a mail-in ballot (**deadline for application: October 25**) at the same website
- ✓ Early voting in-person begins in Virginia on September 20 through November 2.

Voter registration for residents of other states: If you want to check your status, or register, to vote in another state where you reside, you can locate appropriate dates and information on the VA elections website.



EYC Volunteer Opportunity with AFAC November 9, from 1:00 – 2:30p.m.

EYC is volunteering to pack groceries for our neighbors who need help to afford healthy food. If you are 12 or older, join us at Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). We will help sort, bag, and pack food for distribution. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Contact the Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net to RSVP, for more information, and to start receiving our Immanuel Family Ministries email.

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th @ 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 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **1 Peter 1:3-9** "... *for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls*" 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



The 3rd Annual Immanuel Blood Drive will be on Sunday, **November 24**, from noon to 4p.m. in the Zabriskie Chapel's parking lot. More details to come; please out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com with any questions.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, 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. 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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