

# The Feast of the Resurrection

## Easter Day



**HOLY EUCHARIST at 7:30A.M.**

**APRIL 5, 2026**

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**

**Episcopal/Anglican**

**ZABRISKIE CHAPEL**

**3606 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, Virginia**





## Welcome to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at **Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Here you will find a very varied group of people who have in common our desire to live into the greatest commandment Jesus Christ ever offered, that *we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves* (Matthew 22:37-40).

Immanuel welcomes all of God's beloved children to find a home here. Whether you are visiting, a long-time member, or a seeker coming back to Church, welcome!

May the depth of God's love for you, the extent of Christ's sacrifice for you, and the power of Christ's Resurrection from the dead all speak to you in unique ways this year. If you are interested in finding out more about Immanuel please fill out the welcome card in your seat, and we will be in touch. Truly, Christ is Risen, and that changes the world.

Happy Easter!

**The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.**  
Rector

# THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

## The Collect of Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Gloria in excelsis

***Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## 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, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; 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: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he

went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino***

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18**

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

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

## 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

After the words “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”,  
the congregation responds with “*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*”

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: *And with thy spirit.*

## Welcome from The Rector

*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.*



Give Online

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
*and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## 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 unto our Lord God.  
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

### *The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### *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.***

### *Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*



# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*Response: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

## Fraction Anthem

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*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.

*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 Easter Blessing

## The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:**

*Reader/Intercessor:* Rosi Urbine

*Altar Guild:* Diana Walker

*Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild

*Ushers:* Linda Donahue, Doug Henry

*Coffee Hour Host:* Caroline Bergmark

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

# EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Anonymous	In memory of James William “Bill” Kilpatrick
Sanjiv and Sujatha Augustine	In thanksgiving for our families and God’s blessings on our lives
The Biache Family	In loving memory of Joy Alexander
Tom and Sally Guy Brown	In thanksgiving for our grandsons, James Perriam, Thomas O’Neil and Fenton O’Neil
Sue Dazey Brown; Stephen Brown	In memory of Family and Friends
Hugh and Jan Campbell	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Hugh, Matthew, Elizabeth, Chloe, Claire, and Virginia Campbell; and great granddaughter, Mila Campbell
Linda and Gil Donahue	In thanksgiving for our three grandsons, Preston, Aiden and Parker
Carolyn Ferguson and Lanai F. Bea	In thanksgiving for the Ferguson Family
Freddy and Malathy Frederick	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Sameer, Sandhya, and Navya
Kenneth Gerhart	In memory of James and Dorothy Gerhart
Matt Haskin and Katherine Jackson Haskin	In thanksgiving for the Jackson and Haskin Families
The Douglas Henry Family	In memory of Mary Ellen Henry
Tom and Debbie Hewson	In thanksgiving for the Immanuel community for their prayers, meals, and support during our challenging times
The Hobson/Davis Family	In memory of Rosemary Wensing
Dave and Wendy Lane John	In memory of her mother, Joyce Faith Kneip
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our grandkids, Thomas and Cora; Ben and Scarlett
Dorothy Kellogg and David Lindsey	In thanksgiving for our parents and children
The Kirby Family	In thanksgiving for our Immanuel Family
Dave and Mollie Lambert	In thanksgiving for the Immanuel Altar and Flower Guilds
Kathryn Lloyd	In memory of Arlo and Katie Lloyd

The Maas/Hicks Family	In memory of Georgia S. Maas
Ann MacNamara	In memory of Lawrence and Margaret MacNamara; Lawrence MacNamara, Jr. and Helen C. Angle
Sudie and Mike McGahuey	In memory of Harriet Bliss
The JoAnn Murphy Family	In memory of Russell F. Murphy
Jennifer Reading and Family	In memory of Roberta "Tutu" DuTeil
Marda Robillard	In thanksgiving for prayers, encouragement and support
Chris Ros and Meggan Engelke-Ros	In thanksgiving for the Ros and Engelke Families
Paul Smyth and Denise Freeland	In memory of our parents
Jim and Laura Snow	In memory of our parents: Philip and Cecelia Burge; John and Ardath Snow
Agnes Soos	In memory of Coleman and Gizella Soos; and Grace Soos Harber
Kevin Switaj and Allison Powell-Switaj	In memory of Jennifer Cavallaro Goulet
Diana Walker	In memory of Michael Walker
Pam Willard	In memory of Jeannette, Phillip, Phil and Charlie
Darrell and Leah Wilson	In memory of Jane Temoshok

## EASTER MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Randy Alexander	In thanksgiving for Patty, William, Peter and Andrew, and for the fellowship we share at Immanuel; In memory of Joe and Mildred Alexander, Ed and Dorothy Phaneuf, and Hildy Munch
Anonymous	In thanksgiving for Dr. Jane Tavernier
The Biache Family	In loving memory of Andrew and Alice Biache
Anthony Christino III and Adrienne Goins	In thanksgiving for our daughters Martha and Ruth
Gail Collins	In memory of James Speir Collins
Gil and Linda Donahue	In thanksgiving for God's blessings
Angelika Farren	In thanksgiving for the clergy, the choir, and Dr. Jane Tavernier

The Ferguson/Bea Families	In memory of Mike Ferguson
Freddy and Malathy Frederick	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Sameer, Sandhya, and Navya
Kenneth Gerhart	In memory of James and Dorothy Gerhart
The Douglas Henry Family	In thanksgiving for the choir of Immanuel
Tom and Debbie Hewson	In thanksgiving for Ben, Sarah, Jack, Audrey and Liam Hewson
James Hobson	In memory of Nan Hobson
Kathleen S. Hobson	In memory of Richard R.G. Hobson
Dave and Wendy Lane John	In memory of her father, Stephen Craig Condery
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our grandkids, Ben and Scarlett; Thomas and Cora
Dorothy Kellogg and David Lindsey	In memory of family musicians, Jim Kellogg, Dianne Lindsey, Tommy and Doris Allen, Dorothy McIntosh, Thurmon and Myrtle Allen
Tom and Roz Kerns	In thanksgiving for our church community and our grandchildren
The Kirby Family	In memory of Rose Kavanagh Barmann
Dave and Mollie Lambert	In thanksgiving for the Immanuel Choir
Father Jan Maas; Katherine Maas	In thanksgiving for the confirmation of Caroline Maas Hicks
Sudie and Mike McGahuey	In memory of George Bliss
Charlene Murphy	In thanksgiving for Harry Hawver and Rochelle Toro; In memory of Patricia S. Murphy
Marcus Rarick	In thanksgiving for the dedicated Music Director and Choir
Mary Ann Rehnke	In memory of Charles O. Willis
The Rev. Dr. Anne Ritchie	In thanksgiving for the Director of Music and the Immanuel Choir
Marda Robillard and Patrick Tribe	In thanksgiving for many blessings
Richard Rogers and Agnes Soos	In memory of Richard M. Rogers
Chris Ros and Meggan Engelke-Ros	In thanksgiving for the Ros and Engelke families
Paul Smyth and Denise Freeland	In thanksgiving for Dr. Jane Tavernier and the choir
Rosi Urbine	In thanksgiving for my daughter Celina Stewart
Darrell and Leah Wilson	In thanksgiving for the Family of God at Immanuel
Andrew Workman	In thanksgiving for the Music Ministry at Immanuel

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**April 5, 2026**

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**EASTER**

**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:** Ann MacNamara, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Charlene Murphy, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Marda Robillard, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Claire DeMaggio, Cy Murphy, Donna Becker, Frances, George Rustigian, Gerry, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jill Perkins, Jodi Wilson, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Leea Gorman, , Leslie Perez, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Mary Albach, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, Will Boggs, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** David Fite, Katherine Whitman, Anderson Davis, Celina Stewart, Anna Biache, Hayden Wagner, Jonah Wagner, Randy Alexander, Jim Clausen, Chris Rodriguez, Scott Warlick, Tyler Gehrs, and Conner Parks.

**Those who have died:** Rosemary Wensing, mother of Kevin Wensing, mother-in-law of Hartley Hobson Wensing, and grandmother of Grace Wensing; and John Paine, cousin of Nancy Wise. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**NEXT SUNDAY April 12<sup>th</sup>: FORUM HOUR ON OUR ZABRISKIE MEMORIAL GARDEN**  
**11:15a.m., The Welcome Center**

The Immanuel **Memorial Garden Task Force** invites you to a presentation on our Master Garden Plan, the design and construction of our Memorial Garden enclosure and access pathways, and the design and installation of a Parish Hall garden. The Task Force will also share opportunities to contribute to the beautification of our gardens through donations of time and treasure. Please join us!

# Announcements

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## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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*Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel

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Morning Prayer, Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Compline Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

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## + Middle School Retreat at Shrine Mont +

Registration ends **tomorrow, April 6<sup>th</sup>** — and scholarships are available! 2026 Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Middle School Weekend “A Time to Build: My Spiritual Identity, Faith, & Friendships” Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19, 2026, Shrine Mont

- ☆ Registration & Cost: \$130 per participant (youth or adult leader)
- ☆ Regular Registration Deadline: April 6, 2026
- ☆ Registration fee includes: Lodging at Shrine Mont, meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast, event t-shirt
- ☆ Scholarships are available. Please contact: [youthministries@episcopalvirginia.org](mailto:youthministries@episcopalvirginia.org)

The Middle School Weekend is designed for current 6th–8th grade youth in the Diocese of Virginia, including youth not currently connected to an Episcopal parish

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/middle-school-weekend-tickets-1981661918142?aff=oddtcreator>



## WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs RESUMES* April 15<sup>th</sup>

In observance of Holy Week and Easter Week, *Wednesdays in the World* is cancelled. Join Mother Sarah on **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop. All are invited to attend.



## *Mark Your Calendars: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER for SCOUTS* April 25<sup>th</sup>

Cars covered in pollen? Not a problem! Immanuel's own BSA Scouts Troop 131 is hosting their annual car wash outside in the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Scouts are glad to get your cars cleaned up for spring!

## High School Leadership Summit at Shrine Mont: April 17th - 19th

We are delighted to invite high school aged students to attend the High School Leadership Summit at Shrine Mont. The dates are April 17th-19th 2026. High schoolers will hone their leadership skills as they connect with other youth from across the diocese. The program will include lessons on crucial aspects of leadership like communicating across differences, confidence-building, and combining every person's unique gifts in a team. Attendees will engage in practical applications of these skills at the concurrent Middle School Summit, where high schoolers will have the opportunity to facilitate sessions for middle school attendees.

- ☆ Registration & Cost: \$130 per participant (youth or adult leader)
- ☆ Registration ends April 6
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<https://episcopalvirginia.org/event/high-school-summit-2026/>



### MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY'S NEW THEME FOR 2026: "**CONTENTMENT**"

(in accepting love and rejecting fear) **SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's first monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2026 on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** online via *Microsoft Teams* (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 2026 is **Contentment**. This month we will read **Luke 7:36-50** "*...I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven*" using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com). [Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP APRIL ACTIVITIES: TRIP to

**VISIT ST. ROSE OF LIMA:** Join us for a trip to Gaithersburg, MD on **Wednesday, April 22** to visit St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Christine Jeffery, Director of Adult Education and Adult Faith Formation, will provide thoughts on the varied life of the parish and their sanctuary, designed by Immanuel parishioner **Tom Kerns** in 2006. Tom says, "The geometry of the sanctuary creates 'open palms' to hold 800 congregants in a light filled space infused in the artful use of many materials, including the reuse of a giant tree that was removed to allow for construction." He looks forward to sharing the intimacy of this sacred space, which is about twice the size of Immanuel Chapel.

We will leave the Zabriskie parish hall at 9:30am for our 10:30am tour. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Copper Canyon. We plan to return to the Parish Hall around 2:00pm. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$25. These trips with Tom are extremely popular, so please RSVP early for this event at [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com). Additional vans can be rented if the demand exists.

**FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH:** We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, April 28**, for our *rescheduled* program featuring a video of **The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, DC's Mollegen Lecture "The Politics of Mercy"**, delivered on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Virginia Theological Seminary. This film was originally scheduled for our February brown bag, but was cancelled due to weather concerns. Bring your own sandwich or salad, as drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary. AS ALWAYS, friends and family are welcome to join all Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.

## Forum Hour April 26: **SELF-PROTECTION FROM CYBER THREATS** 11:15 a.m., The Welcome Center

Please join Immanuel's own **Martin Horne**, MPS, Cybersecurity Program Analyst at Aretum LLC, for a forum on digital stewardship. As our work and social lives become more intertwined with technology, safe conduct online is more important than ever. This will be a valuable discussion of personal cyber threats, recognizing nefarious tactics, and practical steps to protect individuals, families, and our church.



## Sign up now through April 26th: **PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT, Memorial Day weekend 2026**

Our parish retreat at Shrine Mont is approaching quickly, and Kathryn Jackson Haskin is ready for your reservations! If you've never been to Shrine Mont, or you haven't been with Immanuel, please contact Kathryn with questions or considerations. More information about planned activities and volunteer opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks. To reserve your space, email [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)

**Retreat dates:** Our retreat is two nights, and the majority of attendees will be there from Saturday to Monday. Scheduled activities begin on Saturday, May 23rd, at lunch, and continue through Monday, May 25th, at breakfast. You can add an additional night and arrive on Friday, May 22nd, with the first meal as dinner on Friday.

**Rates for 2026 (per person):** These rates are inclusive of meals, applicable taxes, and a small additional fee per person to offset costs associated with the retreat for Immanuel.

- Double: \$209 for two nights; \$308 for three nights
- Single: \$268 for two nights; \$397 for three nights
- Youth (4-13): \$134 for two nights; \$201 for three nights
- Kids 3 and under are free; please note them in your reservation for housing assignments!

Immanuel does have limited funds set aside to help for those for whom attending will be a financial hardship. Please contact Father Randy directly to discuss before submitting your planned attendance to Kathryn.



## Attend the Virginia Interfaith Center's "Growing Justice Gala"

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is holding a state-wide fundraiser at Virginia Theological Seminary on **Sunday, April 26, starting with a cocktail reception from 5-6 pm in Scott Lounge**. It will be a great way to meet folks from other congregations who are also working with VICPP to bring about a more just, healthier, and more affordable Virginia. It should be an especially upbeat event given the dramatic success of our legislative agenda this year. There will be inspiring speakers and a great meal.

Tickets start at \$100 and are available at <https://virginiainterfaithcenter.networkforgood.com/events/97377-growing-justice-gala>. Questions? Contact Jamie Conrad.

## Calling ALL Artistic Immanuelites: **PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT** Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:20 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Immanuel has many gifted and talented parishioners who have rarely showcased their creations and gifts with the entire community. As a fellow artist (trained professional photographer), I am hoping to change that! On a Sunday where we encourage youth participation – and during a time where we all could enjoy the healing that comes from viewing our world through another’s perspective – let’s make our coffee hour special by exhibiting a wide variety of artwork in the parish hall. All skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Children and youth are strongly encouraged to submit their work – even “refrigerator art”. A **family corner** will be provided so that kids can create their own artwork during the event.



Setup, display, descriptions, even sales are entirely up to each artist. One staff person who works in fragile mediums (flowers and food), wants to sell her arrangements via a silent auction to benefit **ALIVE!** Should selling your artwork interest you, I hope that you would respect that this is an *Immanuelite* event by selecting one of Immanuel’s sponsored charities as beneficiary.

Finally, I’ve suggested a few categories below. Questions? Contact me directly at [TMartin@icoh.net](mailto:TMartin@icoh.net), or scan the QR code at left for art submission. Thank you!

— *Tamika Martin*, AV Technician

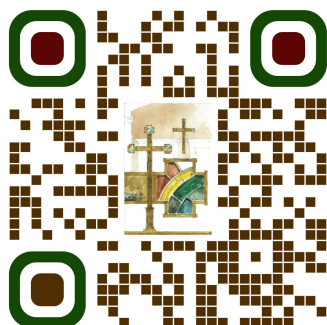
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| Live Performance: vocal            | Folk Art   | Photography | Handmade Jewelry                             |
| Live Performance: instrumental     | Floral Art | Silent Film | Children’s School Projects/Crafts (all ages) |
| Textiles (especially hand-crafted) | Sculpture  | Dance       | Food (Gourmet or Homestyle Creations)        |



**SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT’S EASY AND ONLINE:** Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 2026* ONLINE — including **Foreign Language Readers** for the Feast of Pentecost — 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 right.



If you’re a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up** for a **Sunday or two** during the **Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost only**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU** for your participation!



**Help others find Immanuel!** Your review on Google can help people searching for a faith community. It only takes a minute.

- ☆ Scan the QR code at right
- ☆ Sign in to your Google account (*it’s free to create one if you don’t have one*)
- ☆ Click “Write a Review”
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Your words may be exactly what someone needs!

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Mary Ann Ring	..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Newcomers, and Evangelism
Brian Rush	..... Social Justice
Diana Walker	..... Worship, Pastoral Care
Sydney Onley	..... Youth Representative

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 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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