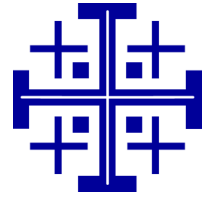




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican

### Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

## Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

**Prelude:** Prelude in D

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Opening Hymn 492:** "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness" Verses 1,2, and 4

*Finnian*

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| 1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,<br>wake your noblest, sweetest strain,<br>with the praises of your Savior<br>let his house resound again;<br>him let all your music honor,<br>and your songs exalt his reign. | 2 Sing how he come forth from heaven,<br>bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,<br>stooped to wear the servant's vesture,<br>bore the pain, the cross, the grave,<br>passed within the gates of darkness,<br>thence his banished ones to save. |
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- 4 Now on high, yet ever with us,  
from his Father's throne the Son  
rules and guides the world he ransomed,  
till the appointed work be done,  
till he see, renewed and perfect,  
all things gathered into one.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### The Collect for Purity

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

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#### Gloria (S280, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Powell

Glory to god in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
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 also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord

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

## Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

### **The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Children's Homily:** The Rev. Sam Sheridan

**The Sermon:** Mr. Shawn Rutledge, Seminarian

## 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,  
who with the Father and the Son 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 "O God, who makes us one,"  
the congregation responds with "*Hear our prayer.*"

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Clergy:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Solo Hymn: "In native worth"** *from* The Creation **Allan Gervacio**, tenor Joseph Haydn

In native worth and honor clad, with beauty, courage, strength adorn'd, to heav'n erect and tall, he stands a man, the Lord a and King of nature all. The large and arched front sublime of wisdom deep declares the seat. And in his eyes with brightness shines the soul, the breath and image of his God. The large and arched front sublime of wisdom deep declares the seat. And in his eyes with brightness shines the soul, the breath and image of his God. With fondness leans upon his breast a partner for him form'd, a woman fair and graceful spouse. a woman fair and graceful spouse Her softly smiling virgin looks, of flow'ry spring the mirror, bespeak him love, love, and joy, and bliss. Her softly smiling virgin looks, of flow'ry spring the mirror, bespeak him love, love, and joy, and bliss. Bespeak him love, love, and joy, and bliss.

## Blessing of the Offering

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D**

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

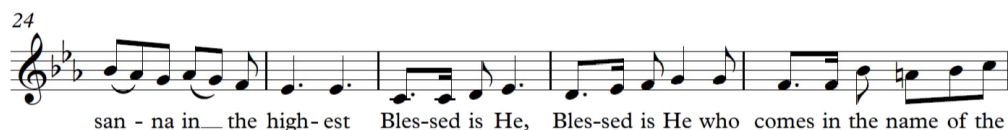
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

**Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)**

Jane Tavernier



*The Celebrant continues:*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. [Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.] [Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.] [Remember .] [Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with ) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)*


Jane Tavernier

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Have mer - cy Have mer - cy Have mer - cy u pon us.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Let us now pray with those joining us from home:

People: *Faithful God,  
in the wonder of your wisdom and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.  
Though we cannot now consume these gifts of bread and wine together,  
we thank you that we have received Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we embody your love,  
be renewed for your service,  
and be reflections of the risen Lord.  
Amen.*

## Music during Communion

Solo Hymn 487 “Come my Way, my Truth, my Life” (*from The Hymnal 1982*)

*The Call*

Allan Gervacio, tenor

- 1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:    2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a way as gives us breath;        such a light as shows a feast;  
such a truth as ends all strife;        such a feast as mends in length;  
such a life as killeth death.            such a strength as makes his guest.
- 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage, to love and serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn 484: “Praise the Lord through every nation”

*Wachet auf*

- 1 Praise the Lord through every nation;  
his holy arm hath wrought salvation;  
exalt him on his Father's throne.  
Praise your King, ye Christian legions,  
who now prepares in heavenly regions  
unfailing mansions for his own:  
with voice and minstrelsy  
extol his majesty:  
Allelujah!  
His praise shall sound all nature round,  
and hymns on every tongue abound.
- 2 Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious,  
o'er sin, and death, and hell victorious,  
wisdom and might to thee belong:  
we confess, proclaim, adore thee;  
we bow the knee, we fall before thee;  
thy love henceforth shall be our song.  
The cross meanwhile we bear,  
the crown ere long to wear:  
Allelujah!  
Thy reign extend world without end;  
let praise from all to thee ascend.

## The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude: Allegro

Henry Purcell

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SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

**Readers:** Beth Hendrix, TBD

**Intercessor:** TBD

**Musicians:** Allan Gervacio, Dr. Jane Tavernier

**Audio-Visual:** John Bednar, Doug Onley, Sydney Onley

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



**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**May 2, 2021**

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**IN THE NAME OF 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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

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)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, and Dick Hobson.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Tom Harris, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Madison Eaton, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Frank Martin, Chandley McDonald, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Jennifer Lansing, Michael Konvalinka, Thomas Wirth, Wjeri Mbure, and Anne Patton.

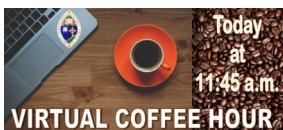
**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Mary Lou Johnston, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Suzanne Prendergast, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Karl Kadish, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, Joey Alphonso, Victoria Dearborn, Phyllis Crawley, DeBora Wheeler, and The Rev. Dr. M. Sam Faeth, BettyAnne Christino, and Stuart Dahlinger.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

**Those who have recently died:** Roland Cuellar, Air Force Specialist Abigail Jenks, Police Officer Anastasio Tsakos, and Andrew Brown, Jr. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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Join us for a [Virtual Sunday Coffee Hour](#) immediately after today’s 10:30 a.m. online service via Zoom. To log-in on your computer: Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top menu select “Worship”, then “Worship Service Bulletin” from the pull-down menu. Click on this bulletin, then:



- click the blue text: [Join Zoom Coffee Hour Now](#)
- enter Meeting ID: **853 9092 9796** , followed by the Password: **352917**.

To join by phone, dial: **1 (301) 715-8592**, then enter the meeting ID and password above using the keypad of your telephone.

# Announcements

## When should the Social Justice Bible Study / Book Group Meet?! TAKE A MINUTE TO TELL US VIA OUR [ONLINE POLL](#)

Joshua in 3D is now concluded. We have made it to the promised land! And it just so happens that our first Social Justice oriented Bible Study came to a close at very nearly the time when we're starting to hope Pandemic restrictions, and COVID cases dropping, and vaccines will allow us to soon begin at least our small in-person Eucharist on Wednesday nights. We don't officially have a next book yet (although Father Sam is reading *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery* by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah [which so far looks promisingly in the wheelhouse of our Joshua conversations]), but we don't officially have a start date for in-person Wednesday Eucharist either!

The confluence of these timing factors begs the question... Is there a better time in the week to do Social Justice Bible Study/Book Group?!\*

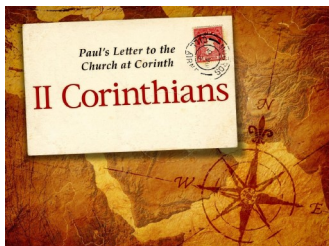
It takes all of ONE MINUTE to participate:

- Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net),
- at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu.
- Click on Announcements and Parish Notes
- Click on the blue text "[ONLINE POLL](#)" and complete the poll in three easy steps (see below).

Thank you!

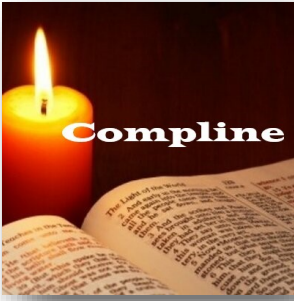
(1)Enter your first name, (2)mouse click on one box, (3)click "Send" and you're done!

## Thursday, May 6: Bible Study of St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians @ 10:30 AM



The Thursday Bible Study with clergy is studying St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians -- lessons in how applying the lens of the Gospel can help us navigate the problems of life.

All are welcome to share in this exploration -- no prior study or participation necessary! Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)).

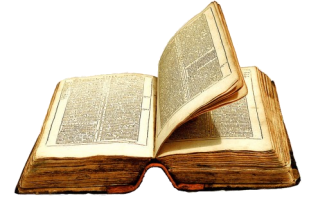


**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for this **Friday Compline May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church." To participate, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast.*

To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

## SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 AM: **OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY**

Join Father Sam on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for a special Bible study via Zoom, currently focused on lesser-known prophets. No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as [Bible Gateway here](#).



The Book of Job explores the difficult question of God's relationship to human suffering and invites us to trust God's wisdom and character. The book questions God's Justice. Why do bad things happen to good people? Will, or should, Job continue to serve God if bad things continue to happen to him? Job's friends believe in God, and don't believe in Job. Job trusts God but also trusts in Job!

The experiment ends when Job finally demands God answer for the nature of the universe as equals. But, alas, they are not equals. God asks, "Where were you when I created the heavens and the earth?" Job does repent (of only the part where he demanded equality with God), and God lavishes wealth and praise on Job's latter days. But it's not a happy ending. Job's children had died. There aren't enough camels in the whole world to undo what has been done. We live in a world of consequences. What happens to us matters. Even if you've never joined us on Saturday mornings before... you are more than welcome to join us to talk about the Job!

For more information, feel free to email Father Sam at [ssheridan@icoh.net](mailto:ssheridan@icoh.net)). If you need Zoom call contact information, find it in your weekly parish email, scheduled to be sent Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Caregivers and Grief Support Group Saturday, May 8 @ 10:00 AM



Join the Immanuel Caregivers and Grief Support Group, a support group for members and friends who are caring for ailing or elderly loved ones or grieving those who have died for its final meeting of the season this Saturday. The group is led by clergy or invited and trained leaders who make space for sharing experiences, offering prayerful and moral support, and sharing resources. We are looking for signs of new life and God's presence. If you wish to join, please contact Father Randy ([ralextander@icoh.net](mailto:ralextander@icoh.net)) or Mother Susan ([sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net)) for an invitation to join the Zoom-based gathering.

## Forum Hour "Sacred Spaces" on May 16

Join Mother Susan for a special Forum Hour on *Sacred Spaces* Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after Eucharist at 11:45a.m. — look for details in next week's parish email.

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Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Register, Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)

### ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)

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The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth



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