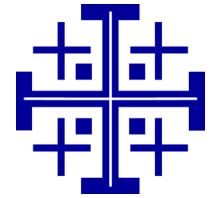




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

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

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

With the exception of infants and toddlers, all are requested to wear a face mask for the entirety of the service.

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: ***And blessed be his 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.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125 *Qui confidunt*

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Epistle: James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the

children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Deacon Shawn Rutledge

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

After the words “Lord have mercy,”
the congregation responds with “*Christ have mercy.*”

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

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

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Lawrence and Margaret MacNamara by their family.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader:* Linda Donahue
Intercessor: TBD; *Usher:* TBD;
Flower Guild: Sally Guy Brown;
Audio: John Bednar
Coffee Host: TBD; *Vestry Greeter and Counter:* TBD;
Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
September 5, 2021

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 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.

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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Kevin Wensing; Eloise Payne, Katie Lloyd, Kathy Lloyd, Carol Crossmire, Kenny, Diane Adams, Francine Wargo, Tony, Ann MacNamara, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Aggie Fortune, Catherine Sinclair, Ted Walker, Lucy, Barbara, and Joan.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Ralph Fairbank, Steve Gasperek, Casey Konvalinka, Suhaila Patiño, Carroll Phillips, Jonathan Anderson, William Akins, and Cora John.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, 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, 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, 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, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, Quintus Frederick, Joey Alphonso, Victoria Dearborn, DeBora Wheeler, the Rev. Dr. M. Sam Faeth, Rick Manning and his parents Joyce and Richard Manning, Ryan Willis, Daphne, Larry Storm; Corbin, Owen, Madison, and Brighton Hovis; Sarah Minor, Judy Pavek, Bea Daniel, Mitzi; and for the following family members of Sughra Bakhtiari, our bookkeeper, who are trying to leave Afghanistan: Amina, Sakina, Anis, Fatima, Marzia, Rahima, and Ayub.

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: Police Officer Harminder Grewal. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Join us for Holy Eucharist
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Zabriskie Chapel



Announcements

The parish office will be closed next Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

H+OMECOMING

HOME COMING IS NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow Immanuelites next Sunday, September 12 to worship and break bread together (even at the recommended 6 feet apart), to re-connect with those who might have been away, and to welcome newcomers at Immanuel's Annual Homecoming celebration.

This happy day is also a great time to invite friends, and neighbors at the Seminary who might be looking for a church home. Please consider welcoming others to our celebration!

Weather permitting, the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be held outdoors at the Grove, with special music, including the reunited Immanuel Choir with brass.

Worship will be followed by an outdoor parish picnic in the same location, and there will be games for younger parishioners nearby. Bring a blanket and/or chairs, and settle your pod for a time of fellowship within hailing distance of other parishioners.

Since COVID considerations prohibit the time-honored Immanuel pitch-in buffet, we will be providing box lunches for attendees, including special meals for younger children. Please click the blue text below to let us know if you will attend and how many are in your party, so that we can have enough meals on hand.

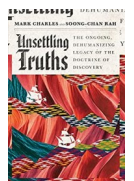
[RSVP for Immanuel's Homecoming Sunday Picnic](#)

Please come -- your community would love to see you. The more, the merrier!

(Note: If the weather does not cooperate, we plan to move worship indoors to Immanuel Chapel, and the picnic indoors to the Zabriskie Parish Hall -- with an option for folks who are not yet ready to share indoor space to pick up their box lunches and take them home, to share fellowship remotely!)

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

After the Wednesday Evening Eucharist, join us for a weekly discussion of *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah (<https://www.ivpress.com/unsettling-truths>). The meetings will take place via Zoom, but you'd be welcome to bring a laptop and participate from Zabriskie Chapel after Eucharist!



COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline September 10th 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, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#), and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116** , Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

New Chapters for Thursday Morning Bible Study:

LETTERS TO THE EPHESIANS AND COLOSSIANS

Join the clergy **this Thursday, September 9th at 10:30 a.m.** for a new Bible study series on the Epistle to the Ephesians and Colossians.

To log-in on your computer:

1. Visit our website www.icoh.net, at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu.

2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: [Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW](#).

3. Enter **Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029**, then Password: **312018**.

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

For more information, contact one of the clergy.



TWO Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles:

IMMANUEL'S STARTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Sacred Ground

A Race Dialogue Series

Sacred Ground Starting Monday, September 20TH: Please consider signing up for the upcoming Sacred Ground dialogue circle, which will be biweekly on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., from September 20 and going through January 2022 and facilitated by Chrissie Crosby. Sacred Ground offers a safe space to learn and be in dialogue about experiences, feelings, and concerns regarding personal identity, racial history and reconciliation, and justice. It has been developed by the national Episcopal Church and "field tested" by seventeen Immanuelites this past Winter and Spring. (If you want to talk to some of them or ask them questions, feel free to contact Katherine Smith, Marilyn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel.)

Ten small group sessions -- based on intensive reading and film viewing homework -- review chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. More details are available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>. Please contact [David Atwood](mailto:David.Atwood@gmail.com) at atwooddavid@gmail.com, or [Kathryn Haskin](mailto:Kathryn.Haskin@gmail.com) at kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com to sign up.

VTs Tuesday Sacred Ground Curriculum begins September 21: If you want to participate in a Sacred Ground dialogue circle, but cannot make our Monday evening discussion, the Virginia Theological Seminary's continuing education program is offering afternoon and evening remote Sacred Ground dialogue circles Tuesdays beginning September 21st. Click the word "[Registration](#)" to learn the details and costs associated with their program.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
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Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
6:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Memorial Garden

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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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