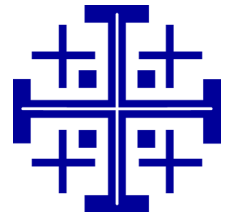




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

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

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;  
People: *His mercy endureth for ever.*

##### The Collect for Purity

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##### 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

##### The Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

##### Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
  
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then

they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those

who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**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**

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 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

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.*

### Post Communion Prayer

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### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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#### SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

*Altar Guild:* Susan Gildersleeve

*Chalice Bearer:* Susan Gildersleeve

*Usher:* Linda Donahue

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Jan A. Maas

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## Final Forum Hour Next Sunday: March 26th



**The Rev. Dr. Melody Knowles** is the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Old Testament. She teaches courses on the religion of Israel, the Psalms, Hebrew, and the Bible in film.

Her published works include *Centrality Practiced: Jerusalem in the Religious Practice of Yehud and the Diaspora in the Persian Period* (SBL Press, 2006), and *Contesting Texts: Jews and Christians in Conversation About the Bible* (editor and co-author along with John Pawlikowski, Esther Menn and Timothy Sandoval; Fortress Press, 2007). She is currently writing a commentary on Psalms 107-150 for the Illuminations Commentary Series (Eerdmans), and a monograph on the reception of Ps 132 in communities ranging from the second temple period to antebellum America.

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**March 19, 2023**

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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 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 pew card — located in display stands at entrances of the chapels — and give it 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:** Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony Rogers, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Nancy Wise, and Frances Johnson.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John and Alice Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Connie Smith, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Harris, the Rev. Tracy Baker, and Joseph Fabian.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Ruthie Christino, Lizzy Peabody, Michael Pawlukiewicz, Jahi Stockton, Leilani Allwine, Sarah Friday, Debbie Peetz, Peter Phillips, Nicky Vassev, Isabella Vasseva, Janice Corbett, Wendy Hoge, Mary Jane Ruhl, Eleanor Whitaker, Bethany O’Donnell, Jackson O’Donnell, Ints Silins, and Bobbie Thomas.

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

**Those who have died:** Patricia Tenanty, best friend of Agnes Soos. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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## Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:45 a.m., Immanuel Chapel



**The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke**, a Priest Associate of Immanuel, Dr. Hooke joined the faculty of the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in 2003 and currently serves as Associate Dean of Students and Associate Professor of Homiletics. Dr. Hooke published *Transforming Preaching* in 2010, which argues for the importance of engaging and training the preacher’s body and voice so as to foster a fuller embodiment of the Word proclaimed, and includes interviews with notable preachers in the Episcopal Church. She is currently working on *Real Presence: Preaching as an Embodied Event*, which explores the meaning of the preacher’s bodily presence in preaching in dialogue with performance theory, recent Continental philosophy, and sacramental theology.

# Announcements

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**MORNING PRAYER @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel** : All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints the Church is commemorating.

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**Wednesday Holy Eucharist, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
@6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

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**Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study, Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

## **THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

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**Evening Compline, Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

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**Benedictine Community Meeting, THIS TUESDAY, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom** : If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month virtually via Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7-8 p.m.

The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book, currently *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas.

As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material. If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst ([Dana.Hengst@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.Hengst@gmail.com)), Barbara Fornoff



Committal for Mary Page Fox  
**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery**

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## **NEW: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE via Signup Genius**



Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, you can now sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/) for Immanuel at the link below:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/>

Agnes Soos is managing all lay ministry signups and, in addition to weekly Sunday Eucharists, she's actively recruiting for Passion Readers for Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and those who can read a foreign language for Pentecost, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please contact Agnes at the office on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (extension #205), or via email at [asoos@icoh.net](mailto:asoos@icoh.net).

Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

## 8 AM Readers Needed for Palm Sunday



Would you like to read part of the Passion Reading this Palm Sunday? This year, Agnes Soos created a 16pt.-font large print edition of our **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** reading from Matthew. **New members are encouraged to participate!** Simply sign-up on the link [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/) link in your weekly eBlast, [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/) and Agnes Soos will be in touch with you soon. Thank you.

**Easter**  
**Flower and Music**  
**Dedications**

*Now Available Online*

Want to make an Easter dedication online? As of today, you can. Either find this announcement on our website under the “Worship” tab, “Worship Service Bulletins” and click the image above, or visit us directly at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/easter-flower-and-music-dedications.html>. Thank you.

### Coming Soon - Parish Weekend at Shrinemont May 27-29th

The clocks have jumped forward, Easter is coming, and soon enough, Immanuel's annual weekend away at Shrinemont will be here. Email Kathryn Haskin at [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) to let her know if you are planning to come to Shrinemont this year. No money down yet, but we're looking to get a sense of numbers to ensure we have space for everyone!

If you are new to Immanuel, Shrinemont is an Episcopal retreat center in Orkney Springs, VA -- it's about a 2 1/2 hour drive from Alexandria. Immanuelites go to the mountain for fellowship and rest, music and games, worship and reconnection. If you want to learn more, call Kathryn Jackson Haskin and she'll give you more information.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Amy Thomas ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry  
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd..... Children Youth and Family Ministries  
 Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
 David Atwood ..... Social Justice  
 Taylor Houck..... Communications  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Evangelism and Newcomers  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck ..... Fellowship  
 Gabriella Young-Smith ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Godly Play, Side Oratory Chapel  
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

**Online**

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

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 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

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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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