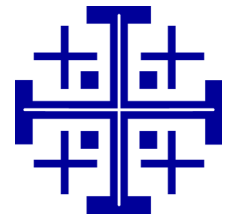




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

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

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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The Peace

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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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.*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

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

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

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

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The flowers on the Altar are given by Mr. and Mrs. Chirs and Diana Page to the glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Michael Kelly Page.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader: Diana Walker

Altar Guild: Susan Gildersleeve

Usher: Doug Henry

Flower Guild: Connie Kurz

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

August 27, 2023

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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: David Atwood, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Roger, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Sally Guy Brown, Owen Larson, Sorin Marcu, Jane Tavernier, John Jones Jr., Lynn Latimer, Emma Cuddy, Vicki Dearborn, Ryan Harris, William Cook, Bette Davis, Summerson Houck, Kathryn Tatko, Becky Chill, Brandon Schnedl, Laura Snow, Pam Williard, and Ann Martens.

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

Those who have died: Victims of the Oklahoma City shooting: Cassandra Flores, Hillary Armendariz, Damaris Armendariz and Matias Armendariz. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FINAL DAY FOR SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY “*Listening to the Lessons*”: The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, one of our priest associates and author of two books on the Bible, will lead a final discussion of the appointed lessons this Sunday. Those interested will meet from **9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in the Oratory**, the small side chapel at Immanuel Chapel.

HOME+COMING SUNDAY is a great time to re-connect with brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel, to share stories from the Summer, and to envision plans for the Fall. Homecoming this year is Sunday, September 10th. Our choir will return at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, along with a brass trio. Please reach out and invite any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be looking for a Church home to join you. Our traditional Homecoming picnic will follow the Eucharist.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, August 29th, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, August 31st @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

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

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT

August 30th: THE FUTURE IS NOW (and some of it is adorable!) JOIN SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP on Wednesday, **August 30** to “meet” some technology that is already sharing our world and that we are likely to encounter more frequently in the future. We will start off by going to Mosaic District in Fairfax for a close encounter with an autonomous delivery robot and learn how it works, courtesy of Cartken (the robots’ owner) and Eden (the developer of Mosaic). After a Neapolitan pizza lunch at Pupatella’s, we will go on to the Pohick Branch of the Fairfax Library to see a 3D printer in action, learn how it works, and come away with a 3D souvenir.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 11:30am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 3:30pm. There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van and each person will pay for their own lunch in the Mosaic District.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the van.



EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: AUGUST-OCTOBER 2023
Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE
via Our New SignUp Genius Button

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the button above at right.

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

HOMECOMING

TWELVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 FOR PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC!

- 4 people from 10am-12pm for set up
 - 4 people from 12-2 to support the buffet (taking shifts so we all can eat / visit, too :))
 - 4 people from 2-4 for clean up
- Please contact Caroline (cbergmark@yahoo.com). Let me know which shift you want.

POTLUCK LUNCH PICNIC in the Zabriskie Parish Hall and Memorial Gardens

Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share that serves 8-10 people. You can choose your “signature” picnic dish -or use the guide below (**first letter of last name**):



A-L: Main: Sliced ham, fried/roasted chicken, sandwiches, casseroles, quiche, chicken/tuna salads, pasta dishes, vegetarian specialties, etc.



M-P: Appetizer: cheese & crackers, deviled eggs, vegetable trays, fruit, salsa,



Q-S: Side dish: salads, coleslaw, beans



T-Z: Dessert

(Mark your dishes to ensure their return to you!)

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 16th @ 8:00 AM

Held Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, September 16th, the THIRD Saturday of the month. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is **Freedom**; this month we will read **Galatians 5:16–26** “...*be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to self-indulgence...All who belong to Christ have crucified self...*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913



TROOP 131 CAR WASH FUNDRAISER AT ZABRISKIE SEPTEMBER 9TH

Please help support Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's own Scout BSA Troop 131!
Troop 131 Car Wash Fundraiser
Saturday, September 9th
9 AM to 2 PM
In the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot

Do you know what to do in the event of a HEALTH EMERGENCY at church?: After calling 911 as a first step, it is very important that parishioners know where the defibrillators are located — in both Zabriskie and Immanuel chapels — and the first aid kits. At Immanuel Chapel, the defibrillator (AED) is located across from the elevator. The first aid kit is in the floral kitchen. At Zabriskie, the AED is located along the small stairwell going from the chapel (near the organ) up to the parish hall. The first aid kit is in the kitchen.

We hope to reschedule the CPR instruction classes that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown... Stay tuned!

Creation Care NEWS Alert: Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth.

<https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>



Creation Care Tip: Watering Right in Extreme Heat

This summer, our planet has experienced unprecedented heat waves all across the globe. As creation stewards, how can we keep our gardens surviving during these droughts? Are there sustainable watering practices? Turns out, there are. In a recent Washington Post article, Lauren David said best practices include watering around the base of plants (not all over the foliage); watering deeply and without excessive water pressure; watering early in the morning for optimal water absorption; watering with efficient tools such as hand-held nozzles or soaker hoses (ideally, not sprinklers); and adding more mulch around plants to protect the soil from overheating and drying out. There are also important steps to avoid when watering during extreme heat, according to sustainability news source Treehugger. With these helpful watering hints, may your garden grow resilient and thrive!

Click the links below to read more.

<https://www.treehugger.com/dos-and-donts-for-gardening-heatwave-7569760>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/08/03/water-efficient-summer-heat-garden/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_the7

COME LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AS CHRISTIANS BURDENED BY THE ISSUES OF VIOLENCE, GUN SAFETY, AND MENTAL ILLNESS

The Rev. Randy Alexander and a handful of parishioners – with widely varied experiences, perspectives, and policy concerns – have been listening to each other regarding these related issues this spring and summer. Mass shootings, less newsworthy but more prevalent violent crime, including gun-related violence, as well as more local issues of violence, and the related issues of mental illness and loneliness, have been on our minds and hearts.

We don't have an "agenda" for a parish conversation, just a sense - as Christian believers - that God calls us out of doing nothing to explore what we as followers of Jesus are called to do in the face of crisis, pain and evil. We don't know what to do, what the role of a church is in the face of this kind of protracted crisis, but we do know that we are to listen when we hear the Lord tugging at our hearts. And we also know that within our parish, perspectives on these issues vary widely, so that as a first step it makes sense to listen to each other and discern what we can learn, as a Christian community called to love and peace, from each other as we try to face, rather than ignore, these complex and difficult issues.

Please join one of two upcoming listening sessions on these issues on either *this Wednesday, August 30* (7:30-9:00pm) or *Tuesday, October 3* (7:00-8:30pm) in the Fairchild Room.

It's fine to just show up, but also helpful to let [David Atwood \(David_Atwood@hotmail.com\)](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com), [Sanjiv Augustine \(sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com\)](mailto:sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com), or [Father Randy \(ralexander@icoh.net\)](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net) know that you plan to attend.

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 Taylor Houck..... Communications
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 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

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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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