



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024

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 God's 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.

Kyrie eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us. or *Christe eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Kyrie eleison.*

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; 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: Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Psalm 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against

him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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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The Peace

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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.*

Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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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.*

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

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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:	Reader/Intercessor:	Linda Donahue
	Usher:	Dodd Sims
	Altar Guild:	Susan Gildersleeve
	Flower Guild:	Sally Guy Brown
	Vestry Greeter/Counter:	Kathy Lloyd
	Coffee Hour Host:	Lisa Clausen
	Celebrant:	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

**Calling All Immanuelites: Donations of Food and Drink Needed
for
FESTIVAL “GUEST CHOIR APPRECIATION” COFFEE HOUR
Next Sunday, July 21st @ 11:45a.m., The Welcome Center**

To show our appreciation to the Royal School of Church Music Choir serving as guest choir next Sunday at our 10:30a.m. Eucharist, we will host a festive coffee hour to thank them for sharing their time and talent with Immanuel. We really need your help with food and drink donations.

Immanuelites who chose to give have three easy options to sign-up:

- (1) via the QR code at right,
- (2) click the *Guest Choir Coffee Hour* photo in the carousel on our landing page at www.icoh.net,
- (3) leave a detailed voicemail message on our RSVP line. Simply call (703) 370-6555, press 9 (or dial “205”) at the voicemail prompt, then leave your name and the item(s) that you’ll bring.

A special thanks to all donors for helping to make this coffee hour extra-special!



IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

July 14, 2024

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. Both chapels offer 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. 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Gilma Balcarcel, Cynthia Dolvin, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Wendy Hoge, Marianne Ingold, Jessi, Joseph, Kenny, Lisa, Ann MacNamara, Kitty Montie, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Daryl Ott, Barbara Ramsdale, Mable Randolph, Catherine Sinclair, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ashleighana, Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Jean Couban, Dana DeCecco, Joyce Di Missa, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Dorothy Gerhart, Linda Gill, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Joanne, Brian and Joyce, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Lysbeth, Marge McGoff, Joe Micelli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Mary Muniz, Jessi Naolitano, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Pamela, Paul, Joanne Perla, Lilly Pinner, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, the Rev. Marcia Richardson, Roger, Bridget Rice Rose, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Barbara Sagan, Brother Efrain Sosu, Stephen Spurlock, Brian Tolson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Lily Clausen, Jan Kell, Will Patiño, Cara Swisher, Owen Biggs, Matthew Sexton, Shawn Whitman, Gretchen Thompson, Rich Ellis, Alex Hambrick, William McCann, Linda Murphy, Will Patton, Ben Dutton, Rachel Knapp, Kittie Montie, and Everett Enright.

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: Brie Whitmire. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

“Meet Me in DC” This Wednesday, July 17th

For this week's Wednesday in the World, July 17, Rev. Sarah will be in the world with our EYC/Youth Group at the National Cathedral — the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul — in Washington, DC!

Join Rev. Sarah again on **July 24th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on King Street. All are welcome!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, July 16th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, July 17th, Zabriskie Chapel

NEW Weekly Bible Study “*The Song of Solomon*”

Thursday, July 18th @ 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, July 19th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Please take a moment to notice or appreciate all the Buildings and Grounds projects completed in **June 2024**:

- ☆ Zabriskie Grounds, installation of a water-efficient in-ground sprinkler system.
- ☆ Parish Hall, kitchen fire suppression and extinguisher safety tested, leaky faucet repaired, and historical pictures rehung.
- ☆ Vestry Upper Room, spring cleaning and organization enhancements.
- ☆ Zabriskie Sanctuary, pressure switches installed to AC to prevent any leaks.
- ☆ Garden Workdays took place June 8 and June 16 to weed, transplant, and mulch.

UPCOMING THIS SUMMER: Two Eagle Scout projects to restore a Memorial Garden seating area and the contemplative path. New windows for the Rectory. New downspouts for the Chapel. Renovation of Sexton’s closet.

Please join us!

- ☆ 1st Monday of the month, **Buildings and Grounds** meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parishioners may contact Tom Kerns.
- ☆
1st Tuesday of the month, **Creation Care** meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parishioners may contact Denise Freeland at eco.voce@verizon.net with an email request to receive the Zoom link for participation.
- ☆ **Garden Workdays.** All who are interested are welcome to come help weed, mulch, and enjoy the gardens. We have gloves and tools. Points of contact are Kathryn Jackson Haskin and Sarah Glassco.
Saturday, July 20, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturday, August 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY **JULY 20th** @ 8:00 AM Held Online via

Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **this Saturday, July 20th** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Mark 4:35-41** *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!”* 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

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

July 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us for luncheon at Goodwin House-Alexandria at noon *this Wednesday*, July 17. We are catering in a variety of wrap sandwiches and a special festive cupcake dessert, so please do RSVP to Susan Kernan (Goodwin House residents) (skernan40@aol.com) or Rev. Susan Parsons (all others) (sparsons@icoh.net) NO LATER THAN TOMORROW, July 15 so we can make sure there is plenty of food for all.

July 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL. At this month's brown bag luncheon we will review the 81st General Convention held June 23-28, 2024 in Louisville, KY, which included the election of Bishop Sean Rowe as the next Presiding Bishop. We can talk about some big issues in the national church and how we as people of faith consider, discuss, debate, and ultimately reach agreements on defining issues of our time and our faith.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15pm in the parish hall. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad and Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

Mark your
calendar

August 27: END-OF-SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL & HYMN SING.

All seniors are invited to a brown bag lunch and end-of-summer ice cream social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall, followed by a hymn sing in the Chapel led by Dr. Jane Tavernier on organ. Let's sing out the summer and welcome the fall — look for details to follow in our upcoming bulletins and weekly eBlast.

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP SUMMER 2024: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through August* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We've uploaded our *entire summer*, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button](#).

If you need training for a particular ministry, please contact Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net.
THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!

SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR TO VISIT IMMANUEL *NEXT Sunday, July 21st @ 10:30 a.m.*

Join us as we welcome the Royal School of Church Music Choir, American Chapter, *next Sunday, July 21st at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist* in Immanuel Chapel, followed by a festive coffee hour in the Welcome Center. (Please see announcement on [page 4 of this bulletin to signup](#) for reception food donations)

Under the direction of Dr. Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist for historic St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC, the RSCM choir will sing a variety of classic and contemporary music — from *Anglican Chant* to the *Hymn for St. Cecilia*.

Immanuelites are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to this special service.



SAVE THE DATE: The 2024-2025 Immanuel spiritual retreat will be led by the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, Immanuel Priest Associate, at Holy Cross Abbey November 8-10.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Philip Brown Fellowship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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