



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

May 12, 2024

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

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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

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting . *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you -- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be

fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 Prayers of the People

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

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.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

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Celebrant *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*
and People *Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.*
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Chip Coakley
 Usher: Pierre Shostal
 Altar Guild: Diana Walker
 Flower Guild: Sally Guy Brown
 Vestry Greeter/Counter: Brian Rush
 Celebrant: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 12, 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, Philip and Colette Brown, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Johnson/Gildersleeve Family, Joseph, Kenny, Norma Jean Lawton, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Mable Randolph, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

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

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Greg Lambert, Everett Post Jr., Jennie Reading, Dick Taliaferro, Meg Whelpley, Zachary Cohn, Adrienne Goins, Isaac Kubista, Marian Wright, Mary Ashton Campbell, Peter Alexander, Caitlin DeMulder, François Gas, Ethan Rodriguez, John Henderson Jr., Mike McGahuey, and Karen Wirth.

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

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

This Saturday, MAY 18th, 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, April 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 **Matthew 6:25–34** "*I am telling you not to worry about your life...Can any of you...add one single cubit to your span of life?...will (your Father) not...look after you?*" 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

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES *All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer Tuesday, May 14th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, May 15th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”
resumes Thursday, May 16th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, May 17th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 --10:25a.m, in the Oratory at Immanuel Chapel! (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. **All are welcome!**

**Virginia's Democratic and Republican Primary Election Day is June 18.
Early voting started May 3.**

Immanuel's Social Justice Committee encourages all registered voters to vote.

The three Democratic candidates for the Mayor's seat being vacated by two-term Mayor Justin Wilson are Amy Jackson, Alyia Gaskins, and Steven Peterson. There are 12 candidates for the six seats on the city council. Celianna Gunderson is running unopposed in the Republican primary. The 11 Democrats are: John Taylor Chapman, Canek Aguirre, Kirk McPike, Sarah Bagley, Jacinta Greene, Abdel Elnoubi, James Lewis Jr., Kevin Harris, Jesse O'Connell, Charlotte Scherer, and Jonathan Huskey. The first four of these are incumbent City Council members, and the next two are current School Board members.

Primary elections will be held in Arlington County and Fairfax County on the same day. The Arlington Democratic primary will choose a candidate for County Board, using ranked choice voting. Fairfax Democratic and Republican primaries will choose candidates for U.S. House of Representatives to represent the 10th District (incumbent: Jennifer Wexton) and the 11th District (incumbent: Gerry Connolly).

The Republican primary in all three jurisdictions will choose a candidate to run against incumbent U.S. Senator Tim Kaine. The five candidates are Hung Cao, Edward Garcia Jr., Jonathan Emord, C.L. Smith, and Scott Parkinson.

Election Day in each jurisdiction is June 18. Early voting began on May 3. The last day to register to vote or update existing registration by mail is May 28. Registered Virginians may vote in either primary, but not both. Be a good citizen, research the candidates, and cast your ballot!

The Feast of Pentecost is *NEXT SUNDAY*: Join us in celebration at one of two services May 19th:

✠ 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel, followed by coffee hour in the Parish Hall

✠ 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel, followed by coffee hour in the Parlor

If you would like to read in a foreign language, please contact Agnes at asoos@icoh.net, or simply sign up online *via the red SignUp Genius button* on our homepage at www.icoh.net.

REGISTER NOW for the SHRINE MONT PARISH RETREAT

Our parish retreat at Shrine Mont is Memorial Day weekend. The retreat officially **begins on Saturday, May 25th**, at noon and ends after breakfast on Monday, May 27th. There will be time throughout the weekend to get to know new friends, reconnect with those you've known for years, enjoy nature, and worship together.

The details, including fees, how to register, and frequently-asked questions, can all be found on our website: just scan the QR code at right. See you at Shrine Mont!



EASY WAY TO SIGN UP MAY-JULY: Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through Pentecost, June and July* ONLINE via Our **Red Sign Up Genius Button**.

Please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer 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're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Feast of Pentecost only.**

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 Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. **THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

Calling all Who Care about Rich Fellowship and Hospitality at Immanuel

We will have a meeting to discuss new options and best practices for our **Fellowship Committee on Sunday, May 19th, at 9:15 AM, in the Fairchild Room** off the Zabriskie Parish Hall. This will give us a chance to reflect on successes and challenges, and the important need to provide opportunities for our people to gather together. All are welcome; come join us! Your ideas and passion are needed!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS : Tuesday, May 28th Senior Ministry Brown Bag Lunch with Guest Speaker TOM KERNS.

12 Noon, Parish Hall: Our May brown bag luncheon will feature fellow parishioner and architect Tom Kerns, who will share with us his experience designing the beautiful Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, Annandale, VA. You will want to hear this presentation before our June outing, which will be a visit to Epiphany with Tom to see the church and enjoy its icons in the setting that he designed.

Tuesday, June 25th: Senior Ministry Brown Bag Lunch with Guest Speaker THE REV. PETER ACKERMAN: Immanuel's former Assistant Rector the Rev. Peter Ackerman, now Rector of the historic Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, St. Mary's County, MD, will tell us about his recently published memoir, *Mom, Dad, Me and Classic TV-Growing Up with Classic Television's Harry Ackerman and Elinor Donahue*.

You won't want to miss any of these activities, so please watch for announcements of dates and times, and schedule them into your busy spring calendars. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Karen directly at Karen.Besser@gmail.com

NOTE ON STAFFING FROM THE RECTOR: It has come to my attention that administrative tasks involved in the execution of several lay ministry projects and initiatives are being given to the parish administrator, Aleta, without my knowledge beforehand, causing her to work extended hours. I ask that all requests for her assistance **be given to me first** for approval, so that her work duties can be scheduled for maximum time efficiency. Thank you all for your understanding and full cooperation.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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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 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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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