



**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
Episcopal/Anglican  
Alexandria, Virginia



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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

**May 12, 2024**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 9:00 a.m.**

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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**Prelude:** Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

**Opening Hymn 214:** “Hail the day that sees him rise”                      verses 1, 2, and 4  
*from The Hymnal 1982*

*Llanfair*

**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**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Gloria (S280)**

Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.  
People: ***And also with you.***  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of  
the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***



## 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.*

## 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 Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke  
Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 to you, Lord 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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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 188: "Love's redeeming work is done"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Savannah

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.


Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)*


Jane Tavernier

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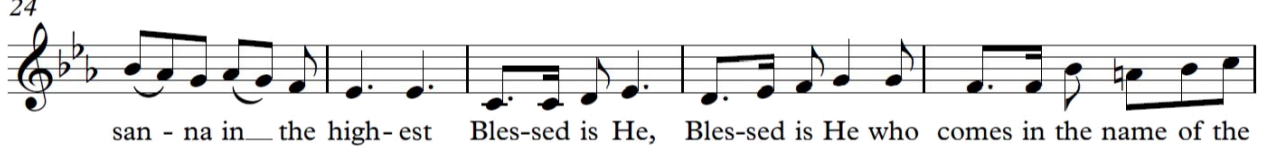
Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

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filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in\_ the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

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san - na in\_ the high-est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

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Lord\_ Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho-san - na in\_ the high - est.

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

### The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S167 (*found in the front of The Hymnal 1982*)

Mason Martens

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*  
1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,  
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*  
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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.

*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.*

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**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:**

**Communion Anthem:** “With a voice of singing”

Martin Shaw

**THE IMMANUEL CHOIR**

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

*Declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honour of his name,  
make his praise to be glorious.

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

*Declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 460: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

*Hyfrydol*

*from The Hymnal 1982*

## 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:* Rich Hobson

*Musicians:* The Immanuel Choir, Dr. Jane Tavernier

*Ushers:* David Lambert, Mollie Lambert

*Flower Guild:* Sally Guy Brown

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs



# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### May 12, 2024

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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. 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](http://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 Ordning, 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.

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## MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

***This Saturday, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom***

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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

Evening Compline, Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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 19<sup>th</sup>:

✠ 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](mailto:asoos@icoh.net), or simply sign up online *via the red SignUp Genius button* on our homepage at [www.icoh.net](http://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 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon and ends after breakfast on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to Mother Susan at [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto: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](mailto: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**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 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

*Online*

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
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 The Rev. John R. Smucker  
 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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