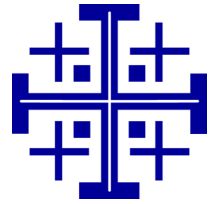




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024



Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Holy Baptism 10:30 a.m.
YOUTH-LED CREATION CARE SUNDAY

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

*A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building
(to the right as you face the organ); restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.*

Prelude: Enigma Variation

Edward Elgar

Opening Hymn 405: “All things bright and beautiful”

Royal Oak

from The Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant then continues

People: There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's Call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: ***One God and Father of all.***
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

The First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 412: “Earth and all stars”

verses 1, 2, and 6

Earth and All Stars

found in The Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Deacon Luke Selles, Seminarian

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Clergy says

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The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: *We present Jack Hewitt Scarlett to receive the Sacrament of Baptism*

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: *We will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help Jack to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents *We will, with God's help.*

Then the Clergy asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Jack.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: *I do.*

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: *I do.*

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Jack in his life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: Jack Hewitt, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the baby's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, and saying

Clergy: Jack Hewitt, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

The Prayers of the People : CREATION CARE

Leader: Holy God, you created the heavens and the earth. You breathed on humanity the gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the Church around the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Gail, and James, our bishops. We pray for Randy, Susan, and Sarah, our priests, for Reggie, our intern, for Luke, our Deacon, and for our Priests Associate. For the wonder of your Church,
To you, Lord,

People: ***We offer our thanks and praise.***

Leader: God of all, you have entrusted the care of your creation and your children to us. Grant all leaders the wisdom to do the work you have given them to do in care of your creation. Guide them in fairness and justice that we may see the fullness of your kingdom in this world. We pray especially for all those charged with seeking peace in places of conflict, including Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Haiti, and Sudan.
To you, Lord,

People: ***We offer our thanks and praise.***

Leader: God of all Creation, Jesus taught that the lilies of the field, the vines in their vineyards, and the grains of the harvest all reveal your love. You are seen in the earth's abundant vegetation, for the plants of the earth,
To you, Lord,

People: ***We offer our thanks and praise.***

Leader: Creator God, animals, birds, and fish fill your world. We are overwhelmed by the beauty of the many animals you created, from the tiny spiders who weave intricate webs to the whales who traverse the sea.
For creatures great and small,
To you, Lord,

People: *We offer our thanks and praise.*

Leader: God of Creation, John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River; Jesus stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee. We give thanks for the water of Baptism – and we give thanks for our local bays, lakes, rivers, and streams. For the gift of water,
To you, Lord,

People: *We offer our thanks and praise.*

Leader: Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit anyone who suffers especially those on our parish prayer list. You will make all things new.
To you, Lord,

People: *We offer our thanks and praise.*

Clergy: Creator God, bless our lament.
Bless the tear we shed for the resources we have squandered.
Bless the sigh we breathe out for the atmosphere.
Bless the head we hang for the creatures lost and exploited.
Bless the hands we wring for the things we have broken and wasted.
Bless us as we lament.
Cradle us as we regret.
Restore us as we start afresh. *(this petition by John Polhill)*

People: *Amen.*

Clergy: Creating God, your Son wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus and promised paradise to the thief on the cross. Create in us clean hearts and receive into the arms of your mercy all who have died. For the assurance of life eternal,
To you, Lord,

People: *We offer our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: Loving God, you are the Creator of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen; you call us to be stewards of all that you have made. Keep us mindful of our promise to care for your creation, and give us the hope and courage we need to preserve and protect your fragile world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*

The Peace

Clergy: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: “For the beauty of the earth”

John Milford Rutter

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies;
for the love which from our birth,
over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child;
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night;
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given;
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

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***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 C

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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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

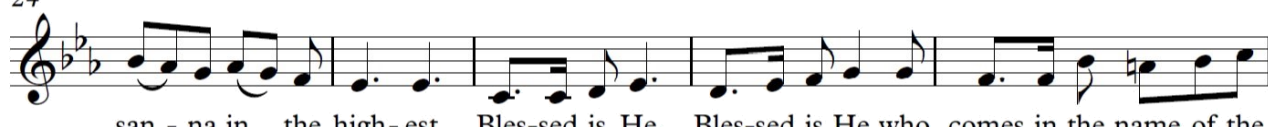
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:


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

19

 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.

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The Lord's Prayer


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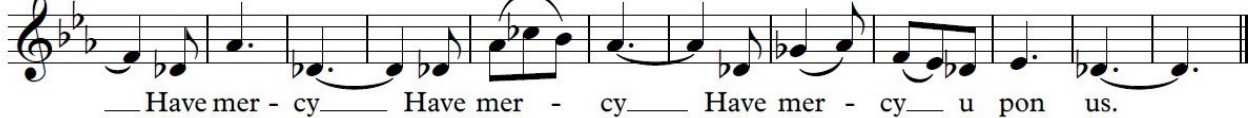
The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a- way the sins of the world

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 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

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.

We will receive at standing stations.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: "Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust!"
*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.
*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.
*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Sung, if needed

Hymn 60: "How great Thou art"

O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder

found in the hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing II

*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 400: “All creatures of our God and king” verses 1-4, and 7 *Lasst uns erfreuen*
from The Hymnal 1982

Sung Dismissal: Go now in Peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere you may go.
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Postlude: Allegro

Henry Purcell

*The flowers on and around the Altar are given to the glory of God by Brian and Katherine Scarlett
in honor of their son Jack’s grandparents, **Lee and Doris Hewitt, and Jack and Frieda Chappell**
on the day of Jack’s Baptism.*

*Today's Altar flowers are native wildflower species. Though less showy than hothouse
flowers, they attract and feed local pollinators.
They will be planted in the gardens at Zabriskie Chapel.
We thank the Scarlett Family for their generous donation.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Crucifer:</i>	David Lloyd
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Adeline Haskin, Piper Horne
<i>Readers:</i>	Abigail DeVight, Rayna Johnson
<i>Intercessors:</i>	Sophia Johnson, David Lloyd, Grace Wensing
<i>Musicians:</i>	The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier
<i>Ushers:</i>	Alouette Horne, Leo Horne, Teddy Horne, Hartley Hobson Wensing, Kevin Wensing, Grayson Yates
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Matt Haskin, Leo Horne
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Candy Levin, Piper Horne, Alouette Horne
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Matt Haskin
<i>Audio Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

SPRING PARISH POTLUCK TODAY AT 11:45AM

ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL AND GARDEN

Join us for a spring parish potluck, after this service, in the Parish Hall and the Garden. Parishioners are asked to please bring enough to share with 8-10 people. Mark your dish with your name and plan to take your leftovers home with you. Volunteers for set up, helping to refill items during the potluck, and clean up are needed and welcome - see Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

Whether you have a dish to share or not, **all are invited to join us** for food, fun, and fellowship!

CREATION CARE SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL

The Episcopal Church's **Covenant for the Care of Creation** is a commitment to practice loving formation, liberating advocacy, and life-giving conservation as individuals, congregations, ministries, and dioceses. Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry Team uses this covenant as our guide.

In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned about the global climate emergency, drawing from a range of approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

LOVING FORMATION: For God's sake, we will grow our love for the Earth and all of life through preaching, teaching, storytelling, and prayer.

LIBERATING ADVOCACY: For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people.

LIFE-GIVING CONSERVATION: For God's sake, we will adopt practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses.

To learn more about Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry Team, contact Denise Freeland at eco.voce@verizon.net.

We invite you to visit our website for hopeful and helpful information at www.icoh.net or find this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, and click on the recycle icon on the back page under the masthead.

RECOGNITION

Seed packets distributed today are offered in honor of all Immanuel gardeners — past and present — who have generously given their time and expertise to beautify our Memorial Garden and Grounds. Their loving commitment enables our gardens to flourish and bloom.

CREATION CARE NEWS

Immanuel Solar Update

Immanuel's solar panels will soon have been operating for two years. The SolarEdge monitoring application measures the amount of electricity generated since our church solar sys went operational (on June 7, 2022). Click on this link [Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill](#) to see what our solar panels generate each day, week, month, or year.

Environmental Benefits:

As of April 30, 2024, our solar panels

- **Prevented emitting over 178,000 pounds of carbon dioxide** into the atmosphere, equivalent to
 - **Planting 1,342 new trees** or
 - **Supplying a year of carbon-emissions-free electricity for 17 houses** (per U.S. Energy Information Administration, average annual electricity consumption for an American household in 2021 was 10,632 kWh)

- **Generated 72% of the electricity Zabriskie Chapel-Parish Hall needed between January and December 2023**—nearly three quarters of the electricity our church needed for the year came from our clean, sustainable solar panels!

Cost Savings for 2023:

70 % Savings on Electricity Bills: Even though the church building used about the same amount of electricity in both 2021 (pre-solar) and 2023 (12 months of solar), because our solar panels generated 72% of the electricity needed during 2023, Immanuel only spent **\$2,906.41 on Dominion electricity bills – a savings of \$6,808.21 over what we spent on electricity in 2021 (\$9,714.62).**

- **Bonus – SREC Payments:** In addition to electricity bill savings, Immanuel receives approximately \$3,150/year from the Virginia Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program. SRECs are a performance-based incentive that let a solar system’s owner (Immanuel Church on-the-Hill) earn additional income from solar electricity generation. **Immanuel received \$3,146.70 for the solar electricity generated by our panels during 2023.**

When Immanuel’s 2023 SREC earnings (+\$3,146.70) are applied to its 2023 electricity costs (-\$2,906.41), Immanuel spent less than \$0 on electricity last year! In fact, the solar panels gave us a net positive of + \$240.29. Let us celebrate this fragile earth, our island home, and cut our carbon emissions wherever and whenever we can!!!

Immanuel Zabriskie Chapel-Parish Hall Building				
Year	Electricity Used (kWh)	Electricity Cost	SREC Earnings	Electricity Actual Cost
2023	86,670	\$2,906.41	\$3,146.70	(-\$240.29)
2021	85,040	\$9,714.62		

Alexandria Residential Solar Info

[Solarize Alexandria](#), a program that provides residents guidance and resources for installing home solar power systems, is holding its annual campaign **through Sunday, June 30, 2024**. During this period, Alexandria homeowners can [sign up](#) to receive a free solar satellite assessment of their property and discounted prices from vetted solar system installers.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Solarize Alexandria! Solarize Alexandria is part of the broader Solarize Virginia program, a grassroots, community-based outreach initiative managed by the state non-profit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP). LEAP provides ongoing customer support and education throughout the Solarize process. To sign up for free or learn more information, go to solarizeva.org.



A Celebration for Zabriskie Society Members and Friends

Music filled the air and cherry blossoms were everywhere! Forty-five parishioners gathered on Saturday afternoon, April 20, for a festive and fun-filled reception to honor and thank our Zabriskie Society members.

These parishioners have made arrangements to support Immanuel with a future, planned gift through their will, life insurance, retirement plan, financial account, or other program. Festivities included lots of time for socializing, abundant food – including a cherry tart for dessert – and cherry blossom-themed party favors.

Father Randy inspired all with his remarks about how the endowment has grown during his rectorship from several hundred thousand dollars to well over a million dollars today. He commented on the significant role the endowment plays in Immanuel's financial life today and for its future.

Wilton Corkern, Chair of Immanuel's Trustees, introduced Trustees in attendance and their role monitoring the endowment.

Kerry Kelly Wade, co-planner of the event, reminded everyone that making a planned gift allows us to imagine the ministries we will be supporting one hundred years from now. We can imagine the impact a future gift will have!

This festive reception was blessed to have vital help from these creative, dedicated, and hard-working volunteers: **Phyllis Sims, Linda Donahue, Diana Walker, Diane Adams, Danette (Dani) Kauffman, and Kerry Kelly Wade.**

If you would like more information about making a planned gift, pick up a copy of *Your Generosity Lives On – Planned Giving at Immanuel* found in Zabriskie Chapel brochure racks or contact Dani Kauffman.

Linda Donahue, Diana Walker, and Phyllis Sims volunteered their creative talents, time, and hard work



Frank Wade, Hartley Hobson Wensing, Kay Hobson, and Jennifer Greiner enjoy party festivities.

Parishioners enjoyed a dessert of cherry tarts, each decorated with a chocolate garnish in the shape of the Zabriskie Society's infinity logo.

In his remarks, Father Randy reminded all that the generosity and impact of a planned gift stretches into infinity.

Parishioners gathered for a Festive Reception on April 20, 2024, to thank and honor our Zabriskie Society members who have made a commitment to Immanuel's strong future with a planned gift.



IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 5, 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, Tom Kellner, 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: Martha Shimkin, Lucas Thompson, Gordon Johnson, Mark Loach, Jessica Turner, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Madison Eaton, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Chandley McDonald, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Alisa Pereira, Phoebe LaMountain, Thomas Wirth, Anne Patton, Aria Enright, Adeline Haskin, John Richards, Jay Sheffer, Marisa Temoshok, Zoe Powell-Switaj, and Geoff Sheffer.

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

SPRING PARISH POTLUCK TODAY AT 11:45AM, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL AND GARDEN

Join us for a spring parish potluck, after this service, in the Parish Hall and the Garden. Parishioners are asked to please bring enough to share with 8-10 people. Mark your dish with your name and plan to take your leftovers home with you. Volunteers for set up, helping to refill items during the potluck, and clean up are needed and welcome - see Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

Whether you have a dish to share or not, **all are invited to join us** for food, fun, and fellowship!

Announcements

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

Morning Prayer Tuesday, May 7th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, May 8th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study "*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*"
resumes Thursday, May 9th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, May 10th @ 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!**

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY *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.

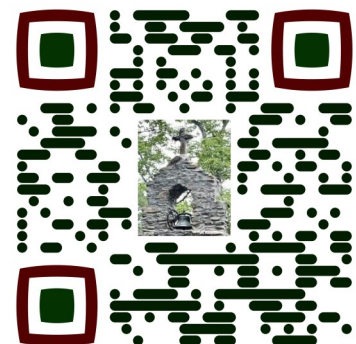
[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

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!



CREATION CARE NEWS

While Alexandria City is honoring Earth Month throughout April, our Ministry Team invites you to view Immanuel's Creation Care Website for some very hopeful and helpful information reflecting our actions in caring for our fragile island home, planet Earth.

To visit our webpage, please scan the code at right.



EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: MAY-JULY

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through Pentecost, June and July* ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp 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!**

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

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

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The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 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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