The Weekly: What is a Sequence Hymn?, Stewardship, and more!

LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

Monthly Choral Evensong at Immanuel the second Sunday of each month begins in two weeks, on October 13th at 4pm. As always, the brief 45-minute service will be followed by an informal but elegant reception in the Academy.

This year our monthly Evensong series will be launched with special guests, our friends from The Choir School of Delaware under the direction of Arreon Harley-Emerson. (The Choir School of Delaware offers professional-level musical training, leadership and language skills, academic support, and mentoring to youth in the greater Wilmington area.)

Choral Evensong is the service of evening prayer derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, and sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world. Choral Evensong is one of Anglicanism's greatest contributions to the world's cultural and religious heritage. As the choir sings the traditional evening prayers that the Church has offered for centuries, the congregation listens and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. In the candlelit quiet of a peaceful sanctuary, Evensong is a rare opportunity for
meditation and personal renewal before returning to our busy lives.

What is a “Sequence Hymn?”

From the earliest days of Christian worship the reading of the Gospel during the Eucharist, in which the very words and actions of Jesus are proclaimed, has always been accorded particular honor. All stand as the special Gospel Book is carried in procession into the midst of the people, and the reading is preceded and followed by traditional words of acclamation (“Glory be to thee, O Lord” and “Praise be to thee, O Christ”).

Music is an important part of the ceremonial action, as well. From the first centuries of the Church the Gospel reading was heralded with a sung “Alleluia” framing a short scripture verse or petition. During the Middle Ages the Alleluia came to be followed by a chant known as a sequence (from the Latin sequentiae, “following”); but in the 16th century the profusion of sequences then in use in the Catholic Church were reduced to a handful, and the chanted Alleluia alone became the norm.

At Immanuel the practice for many years has been to sing a “sequence hymn” before the reading of the Gospel, so called in recognition of the old tradition described above. Our more recent practice has been to sing a liturgical “Alleluia” to introduce the Gospel. Currently, we have begun to combine the two practices, retaining the dramatic element of the Alleluia and at the same time providing Immanuel’s singing congregation with the valuable and welcome opportunity to sing an additional hymn.

All of these practices and traditions are meant to help direct our attention to the life-giving teachings and actions of our Savior. Your comments and questions regarding our Liturgy are always welcome!

SUNDAY’S MUSIC

- Hymn 429, I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath
- Gradual Psalm 146
- Hymn 552, Fight the good fight (the Sequence Hymn)
- Hymn 545, Lo! what a cloud of witnesses
- Hymn 625, Ye holy angels bright
- Cesar Franck: Panis angelicus
- G. F Handel: Largo (from Xerxes)

The organist this week is Carol Nile.

Coming soon, and not to be missed!

Mark Laubach in Recital on Friday, October 18, at 7:45 pm. Mark is well-known at Immanuel for his collaboration in the choir’s English Cathedral residencies.

He is also widely recognized as one of today’s most versatile and convincing performers on the King of Instruments. In his 35-year career since winning the 1984 AGO National Young Artists’ Competition, Mark has been acclaimed for his virtuosity, artistic insight,
and ability to connect with audiences, in performances throughout the US, Great Britain, and Germany. Mark is Canon Precentor and Organist/Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre and teaches at Marywood University in Scranton.

Plan now to attend this inspiring performance, and help us spread the word! (admission is free, and there will be a reception!)

The Music and Worship 2019-2020 booklet is now available on the church porch! We encourage you to take a couple and pass them on to friends and family; if you would like to mail them, or need a large number of booklets, please contact the office - we have everything ready to go.

You can access the booklet online by clicking here.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Season 2020

Thank you to all of our stewards who have given of their time, talent, and treasure over the last year! As we prepare for and meditate on our stewardship for the coming year, we root ourselves in thanksgiving for the generous spirit shown by those who have supported Immanuel and its mission. Below are key dates for the coming month:

Lectio Divina Series
All are invited to enjoy good food, good company, and good conversation every Tuesday evening from October 1st to October 22nd. We will meet at Porto Fino's at 6 pm.

What is Lectio Divina?
From Contemplative Outreach: "Lectio Divina, literally meaning "divine reading," is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of reading (lectio), reflecting on (meditatio), responding to (oratio) and resting in (contemplatio) the Word of God with the aim of nourishing and deepening one's relationship with the Divine."

We hope that you will join us! However, if these days or times do not work with your schedule, the passages and instructions will be made available on the website and mailed cards.

Stewardship & Pledge Celebration - Sunday, October 27th - please join us at the 8 am and 10 am services to celebrate stewardship and make our pledge for the coming year!

- Mary Nash Wilson
OKTOBERFEST 2019

WHEN
6pm, Saturday, October 12

WHERE
The Secret Garden, the Academy

WHAT
Tasty German pot luck! Fellowship!
Delicious Immanu-ale!
Live music from Dr Jay! Lawn games!
Special Immanuel stein!
This fun fellowship event will be held on Saturday, October 12, 6:00 pm, in our Secret 'Biergarten' behind the Academy.

Live music will be provided by Dr Jay, the all new 2019 collectible Immanuel Oktoberfest beer stein and plenty of Immanu-ale (thanks, Buddy!) to fill it will be available, and lots of fellowship. This is family friendly event- we're going to have lawn games! - so please bring friends, relatives and children to enjoy the festivities and our renowned Immanuel hospitality!

In the spirit of the festival, we will be having a Potluck German dinner- please bring your favorite dish to share! If you need a little inspiration, or some easy recipes, here's a short list of some Oktoberfest classics that everyone is sure to love (no one is ever going to say no to pretzels, be they store bought or home made!)

See you there! Prost!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATES!

- October 6, Sunday — Blessing of the Animals
- October 12, Saturday — Oktoberfest
- October 13, Sunday — Choral Evensong, with Choir School of Delaware
- October 18, Friday — Mark Laubach Organ Recital
- October 19, Saturday — Attic Treasures
- October 26, Saturday — Movie Night
- November 4, Monday — All Souls’ Day Mass
**Bring Your Pets to Church for Blessing of the Animals**

**On October 6 at 4 pm**, all pets of all shapes and sizes (and faiths) are invited to Immanuel on the Green for our annual Blessing of the Animals. "Come and bring your pets, whether they have flunked obedience training or gotten a gold star," said Fr. Chris Keene about the event. "All are welcome!"

"I've blessed my share of snakes, gerbils, and lizards," continued Fr. Keene, confirming that pets of all types are invited. "But I've never blessed a chicken," he said

The Blessing of the Animals marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Pets receive a blessing in acknowledgment of their love, loyalty, and companionship.

All the pets at the 2018 Blessing of the Animals were dogs. This year, let's see some cats, gerbils, hamsters, and lizards in church!

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

*Photo: 2018 Blessing of the Animals ©Bruce Burk*

**Donate Items for St. Anne's Guild Attic Treasures Sale**

St. Anne's Guild will hold its annual rummage and bake sale, affectionately called Attic Treasures, on **Saturday, October 19**, 9 am til 3 pm, and **Sunday, October 20**, 9 am til noon. All money raised during the sale is donated to local charities.

You can support the sale by donating items, baking for the bake table, and coming to the sale to see what treasures and baked goods you want to buy. We accept items in good condition, such as housewares, books, jewelry, and decorations. Please no clothing, furniture, large appliances, or electronics donations. To arrange to drop off items, contact Camille Foster at 302 322 3707. The last day for donations is **Wednesday, October 9**.
With the money raised at the 2018 sale, St. Anne's was able to help support the Food Bank of Delaware, Ministry of Caring, Sunday Breakfast Mission, and Episcopal Relief and Development.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

Photo: Scenes from Attic Treasures 2018

Organ Marathon!

Immanuel Episcopal Church, Highlands 2400 West 17th Street, Wilmington DE 19806
Call to Convention

Our 235th Annual Convention, January 24-25, is a special time when everyone in the Episcopal Church in Delaware is invited to gather in community with fellow Episcopalians across the diocese. While enjoying new and old friendships, we are also tasked with doing a little bit of business and learning more about each other and our future together. It is the great annual assembly of the Episcopal Church in Delaware! I invite everyone to join me as we convene at the Hyatt Place in Dewey Beach, Delaware. Several of our convention committees are already hard at work. It takes many hands to make this convention work and it is well worth our time, our energy, and our prayer. Important work is happening, my sisters and brothers, in the common life of our diocese and of our church. I am grateful for everyone who contributes so many hours of their time in this crazy and wonderful adventure we call the Episcopal Church.

- the Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown

235th Annual Convention Website

As members of the Episcopal Church, we all share in its leadership and oversight, often by serving on parish and diocesan teams and committees. Our church and our witness to the world are stronger when we are led by diverse and energetic folks from across our community. To elect diverse leadership teams we must first nominate diverse slates of candidates! Therefore, it is important that we nominate faithful women and men from across all Delaware counties, of varying ages, colors, orientations, and economic circumstances and from parishes small and large, to represent us on these committees.

The positions open at the next annual convention are listed on page 5 and onwards of the document linked below. Terms of office begin on the first day of the second month following convention.

Any active Episcopalian in the Episcopal Church in Delaware may nominate someone to serve on a diocesan-wide body. You may nominate yourself as well. Please prayerfully consider a person you know who might be ready to serve at the diocesan level.

The deadline for nominating someone else — or yourself — is Friday, October 18. The Nominations Committee is asked to review all nominees to confirm they are eligible and, for positions where insufficient numbers of nominees are received, to nominate diverse candidates for these roles.

Call to Convention - Nomination information on page 5

Nomination form

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Oct 26

We will gather together for our next Movie
Discussion Night at 6 PM on Oct 26. Our host is Nancy Coning-McDowell at 54 E 4th St in New Castle.

The film to watch before you come is "On the Basis of Sex". We all know Ruth Bader Ginsburg became a Justice of the Supreme Court. Watch this movie based on her early life and legal career to found out how she overcame barriers based on gender. Then bring a dish or refreshment to share and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.

We look forward to seeing you.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

**2019**
- October 20
- October 27
- December 29

**2020**
- January 12
- February 9
- February 23
- March 1
- March 29
- April 19
- May 3
- May 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13

SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

Schedule of Services

Immanuel’s sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. **You** are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

Sunday
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
- 9:30am - Said Mass *(postponed until further notice)*

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass
Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

Sign up here
What is Compline?

Immanuel has been offering Compline on Sunday evenings at Immanuel for over a year! We have ranged from 2 to 17 in attendance. The service has been led by many different individuals and the candlelight set-up is shared by anyone willing. The church is incredibly beautiful when lit by 60+ candles, and it provides a setting for prayer that is reverent and serene.

So what is Compline like? Those who attend usually spend a few minutes of quiet prayer in their pews. When the tower bell strikes seven, we stand and move to the altar. Bringing our service leaflets with us, we stand in a circle around the altar and recite the prayers, psalms, and readings of this beautiful office. The service is about 8 minutes long with time allowed for individuals to offer their own thanksgivings and intercessions. We return to our pews for additional time of quiet prayer before leaving in silence. Please consider attending; it’s the perfect way to end your Sunday and to center yourself for the coming week.

Large print bulletins are available.

October Birthdays

- Week 2 - Caroline Godden, Emma Barczak, Michael Westman
- Week 3 - Cynthia Waibel, Patricia Moy
- Week 4 - Mary Nash Wilson
- Week 5 - Magnus Frieberg, Nancy Turner, Christian Waibel

October Anniversaries

- Week 1 - Matthew and Emily Walker
- Week 4 - Paul and Valerie Long
- Week 5 - Fred and Gina Tarburton

STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram, for memes like this one (thanks Patsy! Very on trend!):
“You sound like a bunch of cats! The growl has to be deeper and the barks crisper. Okay, let’s take it again from the first howl.”

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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