Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to take a moment to say “thank you!”

There's a common public misconception that the work of the Church is limited to just Sundays. As you, and anyone who is actively involved in his or her church community knows, that's far from true. In this season when congregations are not able to meet in person on Sundays, it’s more important than ever to keep our ministry inside and outside of the four walls of our church building going.
Immanuelians have made a real effort to stay faithful and I am grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to adjust schedules, outreach ministries, and liturgical offerings to reflect our new (temporary) reality. So many good people are working so hard to keep Immanuel moving forward and to insure that our various ministries continue, our connections to one another are strengthened, and the Lord is praised in this place as he has been for over 300 years.

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, Immanuel Church continues to offer praise and worship to God in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, to support our local food pantry and to provide meals for Emmanuel Dining Room. Parishioners are hosting online Compline on Zoom and members of Immanuel are serving those who are considered at high risk if they contracted COVID-19 by offering to do grocery shopping, pick up prescriptions and drop off homemade meals and other supplies for them. Your vestry continues to meet and to think creatively about ways in which our church family can support and encourage one another and the wider community during this uncommon time. Together, we are making a difference. Please continue to pray for our church, our community and the world.

In Christ our Great Physician,

Fr. Keene

LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

Easter is a season, not just one day. It is fifty days in length, beginning with Easter Day and concluding seven weeks later on the Day of Pentecost. Our Liturgy marks this special season in several ways:

- The opening salutation, "Alleluia, Christ is risen" is used for the entire Great Fifty Days.
- In place of a reading from Hebrew Scripture (the Old Testament), each week a portion of the Acts of the Apostles is read, describing the earliest days of the young Church and the spread of the Gospel, first in Judaea and then throughout the Roman Empire.
- Following its omission during Lent, the joyful word "Alleluia" reappears in our worship vocabulary, notably at the Dismissal which concludes the Mass.

This Second Sunday of Easter is also known as "Thomas Sunday," a reference to the Gospel account of Thomas the disciple and his initially skeptical response to the news of Jesus' resurrection—followed, one week later, by his recognition of the Risen Lord.

The story of Thomas is also told in Hymn 206 in The Hymnal 1982, "O sons and daughters, let us sing" (also known by its first line in the original Latin, O filii et filiae). The words are of late medieval origin; and the tune, possibly derived from a 15th century French folksong, is the basis of the organ voluntary which begins Sunday's Liturgy, a lively set of variations composed by Jean-François Dandrieu, a popular Parisian organist who was a contemporary of J. S. Bach.

- Jack Burnam

Two recordings by our organist Jack Burnam have been added to our Soundcloud Channel, (found here):
“Sarabande for the Morning of Easter” by the 20th century English composer Herbert Howells, and J. S. Bach’s “Prelude in C major (BWV 547),” both pieces that Jack played for this year’s Easter Day service.

Please stay tuned for more recordings in future!

Immanuel will continue with Virtual Eucharist services **each Sunday at 11:30am**, and we hope you will continue to join us! Services will be online on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#), with links to a downloadable bulletin.

Compline will be held over Zoom on Sunday at 7pm.
Virtual Compline

Sunday Evening Compline continues online using Zoom. Please log on as early as 6:45 to say hello to everyone, then mute yourself at 7 p.m. in order to say the responses and prayers. Trust that you are still praying with others at this time; it’s just a problem with audio lag that prevents us from saying them with everyone’s audio enabled. Here is the link to join Compline:
Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/6063430905?pwd=RnFsUEd3M3pmd3NyNmJmSEVNdTZHQ09

Meeting ID: 606 343 0905
Password: 895101
Here are a few resources you might find helpful:

- Bishop Brown will celebrate a weekly Mass in the St. Albans Center, which will be live-streamed at 11 am every Sunday on the Diocesan Facebook page.
- State of Delaware
- Episcopal Relief & Development – Faith-Based Response to Epidemics
- CDC Information on Coronavirus
- Washington State Department of Health on Coronavirus
- Washington Post – How to Prepare for the Coronavirus in the US
- CDC Pandemic Guidelines

PARISH HAPPENINGS

The office will be functioning remotely during the week, please email immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net with any needs.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office on (302)328-2413, or Mark on (302)654-2562 or at mbac56@aol.com, if you would like to talk about an offering.

These Sundays are available for dedicated flower offerings:

2020
- May 3
- May 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13

April Birthdays
- Week 1 - Todd Whitaker, Hannah Marie Robelen
- Week 2 - Jeannette Burnam, Deborah Chance, Madeline Nash Wilson, David Henshaw
- Week 3 - Mary Davis, Joseph Robert Costango, Matthew Walker
- Week 4 - Charles Botwright, Phoebe Timmins, Thomas William Costango
- Week 5 - Julian Lawrence Garrison, Samantha Parfitt-Simpson

April Anniversaries
- Week 2 - Jim and Linda Butler, Lauren and Jimmy Hopper
- Week 3 - Mark and Valerie Leary
- Week 4 - Robert and Caroline McDonald, Charlotte and Ray Keeton, Richard and Barbara Cooch
- Week 5 - Buddy and Sarah Garrison
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:

what do you mean Easter is over?

Easter Season lasts for 50 days until Pentecost

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

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