The Weekly: May 15th 2020

MUSIC AND LITURGY NOTES

LITURGY AND MUSIC

The Gradual Psalm: This Sunday's Liturgy will resume Immanuel's customary practice of singing the Gradual Psalm (rather than its being read). Exactly what is a "Gradual Psalm," one may ask? It is the psalm portion that immediately follows the first reading—in a sense, an additional reading from the Hebrew Scriptures. In the early tradition of Christian worship this psalm was sung by a cantor, from the same location as the other readings, namely the lectern or its step (in Latin, "gradus"). Thus, "gradual psalm" means literally "psalm from the step." From whatever location it is sung, the gradual psalm is an additional proclamation of the Word of the Lord, and this function distinguishes it from any psalms that may be sung at other points in the Liturgy.

Thanks to our Soloists: In our pattern of "Virtual Worship" required by current circumstances, we are especially grateful to the singers from the Immanuel Choir who
continue to serve as vocal soloists, on behalf of both choir and congregation, to support our sung Liturgy. We miss our choirs! But it’s cheering to hear at least some members of the choir week-to-week, even if it’s only one voice at a time.

About the Opening Voluntary: Of the comparatively few works for organ composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, his Prelude on the Welsh hymn tune *Rhosymedre* is perhaps the most popular and best known. The tune appears in *The English Hymnal* with the words of the Communion hymn "Author of life divine," and in *Songs of Praise* with the text "My song is love unknown." The setting follows a traditional form of baroque chorale prelude familiar to Bach, but in a richly modal harmonic style characteristic of Vaughan Williams.

About the Concluding Voluntary: Dieterich Buxtehude was one of the chief founders of the northern German organ-playing tradition in the generation before J. S. Bach. Organist of the Marienkirche in Lübeck for 41 years until his death in 1707, Buxtehude was famed throughout Germany as an improviser and composer. He attracted visits from many other composers and organists, among them J.S. Bach, who traveled two hundred miles on foot to Lübeck to hear and study with him (Bach actually overextended his leave of absence for several months, which got him into trouble with his employers in Arnstadt). Buxtehude’s *Prelude, Fugue and Ciaccona in C major* has very much the effect of a written-out improvisation, beginning with an arresting solo for pedals alone and continuing through a series of contrasting textures and dramatic gestures, alternating free fantasy with highly structured writing.

- Jack Burnam

A few more recordings by our organist Jack Burnam and the Immanuel Choir have been added to our [Soundcloud Channel](https://soundcloud.com), including Couperin - Plein jeu.

As of this week there is a new 'Sounds of Immanuel' tab under the Music menu on the website, where music from Immanuel can be played directly. This page is in the process of being updated, but check back each week for more organ and choir music that you can share with your friends and family. Have any requests? Send us an email!

**RECTOR'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS**

There may be a short waiting time before you are able to enter the Virtual Office, but please stay online in the waiting room. If you have any problems, or need to arrange a longer meeting with Fr. Keene, please email immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net.

**TUESDAY - 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

Join Zoom Meeting
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THURSDAY - 11:30am - 12:30pm
Join Zoom Meeting
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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=RnFsUEd3M3pmd3NyNmJmSEVNdTZHQm09

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 livestreamed 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 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13

May Birthdays

- Week 2 - Tommy Kinservik, Amanda O'Connor, Martin Taylor, Sally Hatton, Sarah Garrison
- Week 4 - Steve Boone, Patsy Proud, Joyce Wells, Gavin William Clarke

May Anniversaries

- Week 2 - Barbara and Andrew Vellrath, Glenn Rill and Suzanne Souder
- Week 3 - Ellen and Henry Behringer, Dan and Cynthia Wolcott, Bob and Doe Irwin
- Week 4 - Geri Krolin-Taylor and Martin Taylor, Don and Kerstin Almquist
- Week 5 - Alexa and Donald Maloney
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 (from Caitlin Irwin):

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