

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...

- Psalm 46:1-2a

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 29, 2020

DEAR PEOPLE OF IMMANUEL

Lift up your hearts! Though we cannot gather in person, we have found a way to worship together in Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit! We will continue to livestream our weekly worship service. We invite you to gather the household and participate in the songs, liturgy, and ministry of the word and sacrament from wherever you stream the service. We also encourage you to share this link with friends and family, near or far.

PRAYER

We want to remain centered in prayer and fasting for all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. The Lord is ready to hear our prayers! All members of Immanuel are invited to join a prayer gathering over Zoom from 7-7:50PM this evening (March 29th). If you are subscribed to the Immanuel Digest, you should have the link and password to join this gathering online. (If you need the link/password, email care@immanuelanglican.org.)

CITY GROUPS

We are asking all members of Immanuel to join an online City Group as the primary way of staying connected to church community at this time! City Groups will gather over Zoom each week to practice evening prayer, share personal updates, carry each other's burdens and pray for one another. You can find the link to sign up at immanuelanglican.org/coronavirus.

CARE

We want to help you through the challenges of this crisis. Your main source of practical support will be your City Group community. However, if you have needs you would like to share directly with church staff, send it to care@immanuelanglican.org.

Requests could include:

- Asking for help with tangible needs (groceries, etc.);
- Connecting for pastoral care with a member of the staff;
- Requesting prayer for self or others;

- Asking for someone to give you a phone call every week if you feel isolated;
- Voicing a need for financial aid.*

You can also email care@immanuelanglican.org if you are interested in:

- Notifying church staff about a serving opportunity;
- Calling someone to catch up with them;
- Picking up groceries for someone stuck at home;
- Helping someone at Immanuel with a financial need;
- Sharing a testimony about God's provision or care.

*Immanuel Anglican Church seeks to show compassion and generosity to people in need. This means using its finances to help people facing short-term financial challenges in special cases. We have a benevolence fund that is used to meet primary needs for members and regular attenders of our church. If you or someone you know has an acute, temporary financial need, please feel welcome to send an email to care@immanuelanglican.org, and a member of our staff will respond to learn more about how the church might be able to offer support.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou ART

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: My God how great Thou art!

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

TURN YOUR EYES

Turn your eyes upon Jesus Look full in His wonderful face And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes Jesus, our glory and our prize We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning And see Christ the Lion awake What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone For we carry His life in our veins

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

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THE DECALOGUE

CELEBRANT: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CELEBRANT: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CELEBRANT: You shall not invoke with malice the name of the Lord your

God.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CELEBRANT: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CELEBRANT: Honor your father and your mother.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.
CELEBRANT: You shall not commit murder.
PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.
CELEBRANT: You shall not commit adultery.
PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CFLEBRANT: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CELEBRANT: You shall not be a false witness.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CELEBRANT: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PEOPLE: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION

CELEBRANT: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

There will be a time of silence.

ALL: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

we acknowledge and lament our manifold sins and the wickedness we have grievously committed

time after time,

by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.

We have provoked most justly your righteous anger and your indignation against us.

We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our wrongdoings; the memory of them grieves us, the burden of them is too great for us to bear.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that from this time forward

we may always serve and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CELEBRANT: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution

andremission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment

of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

KYRIE

Please stand.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the

unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LESSONS

READER: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5:1-15

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who

has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

READER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31

¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

Incline your ear to me;
 rescue me speedily!
 Be a rock of refuge for me,
 a strong fortress to save me!

³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me:

- ⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

- 6 I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,
- 8 and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.
- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity,

especially to my neighbors,

- and my bones waste away.

 11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
- and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many terror on every side!—
- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."
- 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
- ¹⁷ O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you;
- let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.
- ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.
- ¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you

and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men;

you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

22 I had said in my alarm,
 "I am cut off from your sight."
 But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

²³ Love the Lord, all you his saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

READER: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 23:44-49

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

READER: The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

A Word of Trust: "Father, into your hand I commit my spirit"

Fr Aaron Damiani

Tune in: immanuelanglican.org/live

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontious 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.

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.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: ...Lord, in your mercy.
ALL: Hear our prayer.

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OFFERTORY

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

TRUST YOU JESUS

Father of heavenly lights, fount of wisdom and love All is laid bare in Your sight, You know my ways I believe You will provide all I need in my life I will not fear anymore, For I will ever

> Trust You Jesus, trust You Jesus Trust You with my life Trust You Jesus, trust You Jesus Trust You with my life

You hold the world in Your hands, God of mercy and might Knew me before I was born called me by name How could I ever respond, but to fall and adore I live to know You more, Lord I will ever

Let not the wise trust in their wisdom
Let not the strong boast in their might
Let not the rich glory in riches
I will trust You
Let not the wise trust in their wisdom
Let not the strong boast in their might
Let not the rich glory in riches
I will ever

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Doxology

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

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 him thanks and praise.

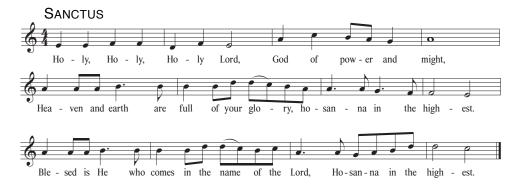
CELEBRANT: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;

for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the

splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim

you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



CELEBRANT: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love....

...Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you
have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless
you.

ALL: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

CELEBRANT: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts...

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The people express their wholehearted agreement by boldly saying:

PEOPLE: AMEN.

CELEBRANT: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to

pray,

PEOPLE: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

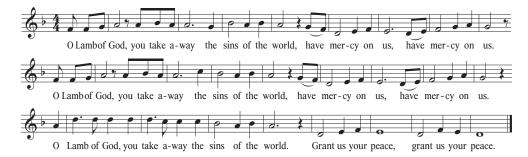
For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CELEBRANT: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast!



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.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent word What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed For I am thy God I will still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee, help thee And cause thee to stand Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with thee, thy trouble to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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THE BLESSING

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving

providence; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT: Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of

the Spirit.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

LENT 2020

HOW TO GRIEVE

THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST FROM THE CROSS

Mar 1	A Word of Forgiveness: Father, forgive them.
Mar 8	A Word of Community: Woman, behold your son!
Mar 15	A Word of Lament: Why have you forsaken me?
Mar 22	A Word of Distress: I thirst.

Mar 29 A Word of Trust: Into your hands I commit my spirit. Apr 19 A Word of Triumph: It is finished. (Good Friday)

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PRAYERS

WHEN UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Over the centuries, Christians who desired to receive Holy Communion, but were prevented by their circumstances from doing so, were encouraged to make a "Spiritual Communion" by inviting the Lord Jesus to be especially present in their soul, despite their circumstances, while eagerly praying for the blessing of receiving Holy Communion again soon. This liturgy may be prayed individually or as a group.

OFFICIANT: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: Amen.

OFFICIANT: God is our refuge and strength,
PEOPLE: A very present help in trouble.
OFFICIANT: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.

ALL: 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.

OFFICIANT: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes

to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall

never thirst."

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses.

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFICIANT: Let us pray.

ALL: Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind

with all my brothers and sisters

in Holy Mother Church throughout the world

who gather at your holy table this day

to remember your death

and proclaim your resurrection.

Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice,

holy and acceptable to you,

through the merits of your dear son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

OFFICIANT: Soul of Christ,
ALL: sanctify me,
OFFICIANT: Body of Christ,

ALL: save me,

OFFICIANT: Blood of Christ,
ALL: refresh me.

OFFICIANT: Water from the side of Christ,

ALL: wash me,

OFFICIANT: Passion of Christ,

ALL: strengthen me.

OFFICIANT: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

PEOPLE: Blessed is the man who takes refugein him!

OFFICIANT: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and

bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: AMEN.