

**April 22** – Evangelism and Growth Initiative Summit at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 1:00-5:00p.m. This gathering is open to all clergy and lay leaders.

**April 24** – Fourth Tuesday Dinner Service at Grace Mission from 5-7:15 p.m. Please be there no later than 5: p m. Please call Dawn Freeman at 850-509-2656 to sign up.

**April 28** – Daughters of the King Spring Assembly at St. John’s Cathedral, Jacksonville from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. Speaker will be Dean Kate Moorehead. New officers will be installed. To register send \$15 to Sara Pines; PO Box 2165, Palatka, FL 32178-2165

**April 29** – Installation of members of the Men of St. Michael.

**Suggested daily Readings for the Third Week of Easter: April 16 – April 20**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Exod. 18:13-27</b>	<b>Psalm 9, 15</b>	<b>Matt.(1:1-17);3:1-6</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Exod. 19:1-16</b>	<b>Psalm 36, 39</b>	<b>Matt. 3:7-12</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Exod. 19:16-25</b>	<b>Psalm 119:25-48</b>	<b>Matt 3:13-17</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Exod. 20:1-21</b>	<b>Psalm 37:19--2:7</b>	<b>Matt 4:1-11</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Exod. 24:1-18</b>	<b>Psalm 105:23-45</b>	<b>Matt 4:12-17</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Exod. 25:1-22</b>	<b>Psalm 42, 43</b>	<b>Matt.4:18-25</b>

**Please note that every third Sunday the open collection will go towards the Rector’s Discretionary Fund.**

**Episcopal Church Women** Annual Graduation Recognition will take place on May 6. Please submit the names of the candidates and their accomplishments/pictorials – all who are graduating from K-5, Middle School, High School, and College White Coat ceremony. Information should be submitted to ECW Board Members Dawn Freeman and Cassandra Grayson.

**FIGHTING GUN VIOLENCE**

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense is a group of women and men who believe that sensible regulations on guns – such as requiring background checks on every gun sale – can save lives. The group will hold its monthly meeting at 6 pm on **TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> IN OUR ST. MICHAELS’ PARISH HALL.** Everyone interested in curtailing gun violence is encouraged to come discuss what more we can do to fight this scourge on our community. Questions? Contact Anne Powell, (850) 556-1531 or apowell@mindspring.com.

# ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018  
10:00 a.m.**

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

**Ministers of the Church**

*The People of St. Michael*

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### From the Rector's Desk

These days, I sometimes find myself reminiscing an awful lot on the way ministry was done in the eighties. After completing my curacy at the Cathedral Church in Guyana, the Bishop in his wisdom, sent us as a family to serve in a parish that was truly diverse, offering a plethora of opportunities for ecumenical activity. So we served alongside Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, the Salvation Army and the Church of God in Christ. As clergy persons we tried to meet as often as we could for refreshment, recreation and reflection. I still do recall quite vividly a conversation shared with a Church of God in Christ pastor (Rev. Gray) who tried to convince me that sleep was more powerful than love – and he was dead serious about that. He argued that as much as we try to deprive ourselves of sleep, we inevitably we fall victim to its power. Babies he claimed after resisting, often crying and going through their own ritual, eventually succumb too. As compelling as he made his argument, I quietly reminded him that there is nothing in this world that could surpass the power of love, that natural human reaction; that unexplained sentiment that often results in the giving of our hearts at times to total strangers. Gray countered with a very persuasive argument, telling me of the many persons who avoided the snare of love and go through life without having to deal with the emotional scars most of us have been left with. I had to resort to the teachings of sacred scripture to help make my case, invoking words from the New Testament, that God is love and also of what Paul the Apostle wrote in his dissertation to the Corinthian Church (1 Cor 13) positing that every Christian experiences faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these three is love. Our very salvation history is grounded in the love God showed for us his creation, by sending his Son Jesus to die for our sins and yes the Christ used the concept of love as the cornerstone of Christian living – “by this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.” He remained unconvinced saying that we see such little evidence of true Christian love around us and this is why non-believers remain cynical of all we preach. Everything is transactional he said and those of us who profess love often use it as a tool to exploit the vulnerabilities of others. Mind you this was a man who had spent the better part of his life preaching on the centrality, significance and importance of love for the believer. I was stunned. I promised myself that I would try to avoid such negativity and not lose faith in the genuineness of this natural human emotion we call love.

I encountered it all over again when Dorothy Williams and Ella Woodbury came into my life. The opportunities I had to be in their presence assured me that true Christian love still existed, despite what Pastor Gray said, for you felt the love these two sisters held for each other. A love that death has finally brought to an end. They were sisters, but Ella said it was more like a mother and daughter relationship. They were able to experience by the grace of God the true measure of love.

On Tuesday of next week, do come and support Ella as she mourns the passing of her sister, the one who truly gave her the opportunity in this life to love and care right up to the end.

May Dorothy rest in peace and rise in glory.

Fr. Hugh+

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**THANK YOU** – Fellowship today is sponsored by Neil James in memory of his parents.

We would like to thank Fr. Hugh for taking the time to visit with us. *Dourest and JoAnn Robinson.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ECW Tea Committee Members will meet after service today.**

**African-American Genealogy Meeting today from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

**There will be no Confirmation Class on Saturday, April 21. Classes resume on Saturday, April 28 in the Brooks Room.**

**April 17 – Funeral service for Dorothy Williams.**

**April 19 – Said Mass at 12:15 p.m.**

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** – Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room. The readings for this Wednesday will be Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24 and John 10:11-18.

**GOOD NEWS OUTREACH MINISTRY** – Please remember to bring a food item from the following list: boxed pasta, grits, oatmeal, snacks, broths, soups, spices, baking mixes, flour, sugar, canned fruits & fruit cups. Place food in food gift box in Parish hall. We will bring forward the parish's gifts of food at the offertory the first Sunday each month giving thanks and asking God's blessing upon those who will receive them.

**CHOIR NEWS** – There will be rehearsal every Sunday morning before Service at 9:15 a.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL 20-22** – Annual Episcopal Church Women Spring Retreat at Camp Weed. **Theme: Restoring Our Souls at God's Kitchen Table.** Guest Speaker is Joy Carol, author, speaker, spiritual director, workshop and retreat leader. Check-in begins at 4:00 pm April 20, 2018.

**Serving today Sunday, April 15**

**Acolytes:**  
Pro Hruda, **Crucifer**  
Charles Hruda, **Torch Bearer**  
Quinton Laurie **Torch Bearer**  
Collin Laurie, **Gospel Book Bearer**

**Chalice Bearers:** Pro Hruda, Tangy Williams  
**Lectors:** Winston Bogan, Hollis Sams, Tyler Sams  
Charles Hruda  
**Greeters:** Tashi Williams, Cassandra Grayson  
**Ushers:** Dawn Freeman, Sharal Jigger  
**Vestry:** Linda Dilworth

**Serving next Sunday, April 22**

**Acolytes:**  
Daniel Erefah, **Crucifer**  
Abigail Erefah, **Torch Bearer**  
TJ Frazier, **Torch Bearer**  
Colton Wasson, **Gospel Book Bearer**

**Chalice Bearers:** James Fort, John Grayson  
**Lectors:** Cassandra Grayson, Monique Alleyne  
Alexis McMillan  
**Greeters:** Lenin Mongerie, Tresia Mongerie  
**Ushers:** Joseph Sams, Nadira Sams  
**Vestry:** Pro Hruda

**April Altar Guild:**

**Lauren Sapp** Delois Brown Shonna Laurie Delores Grayson  
Anna White Cassandra Grayson Karen Goodlett Dorothy Wesley

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING**



*Jean Hyche-Jackson, Dourest and JoAnn Robinson, Ophelia and Robert Scarbough, Dorothy and Eugene Wesley, Rosalyn Greene, Rose Douglas, Jewel Robinson, Williamae Jackson, Joseph Wiley, Carl Murray, Rudolph Hinds, Cynthia Hinds, Alexes Parker, Robert Roulac, Karen Hardy Clark, Ella Woodbury, Charles Daniels, Randolph Laurel, Joseph Gentle, Glendon Niewenkirk, Kenrick Baynes, Jessie Laurel, Hattie Olivia Scott, Rev. Canon Dr. David J. Weidner, Ella Brown Albright, Catherine Rand, Richard Corpening, Tyrone Gayle, Clifford Willabus, Al Wehner, David Johnson, Mecie White, Barbara Lee, Sharon Car, Sam Oliver Sr., Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Dr. Derek Spencer and Nia Phelps.*

**A special a petition**

For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Williams who passed on April 10. She was the mother of Kevin Williams and sister of Ella Woodbury. Homegoing on Tuesday, April 17 at 11:00 am. Public viewing from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Repass immediately after service in Parish Hall and Grave Side Ceremony at 1:30 pm at Abbey Memorial Gardens, off North Monroe.

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO**

Instrumental Prelude Monique Alleyne, organist

**Opening Prayer  
For the Human family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn **H493**, O for A Thousand Tongues To Sing *Azmon*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Acclamation **355**

The Collect of the Purity

Kyries

Collect for the Day

The Lessons

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 2:1-7

Gradual Hymn **H193 v 1-2**, That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright *Peur Nobis*

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:36b-48 The Reverend Cal Goodlett

Sequence Hymn **H193 v 3-5**

The Sermon The Reverend Cal Goodlett

The Nicene Creed **358**

The Prayers of the People Form III **387**

Confession of Sin and Absolution **360**

The Peace May The Peace Of The Lord Nolan

*May the peace of the Lord bring Joy, Comfort, Hope, Rest, Life  
May the peace of the Lord surround you  
May the peace of the Lord go with you*

**Joint Address by Kate Wasson and Kathleen Rodgers**

