

A word from the Rector

Today marks the beginning of the Advent Season – the church’s New Year! Today also we are launching our Stewardship Program. You should have or will be receiving shortly, pledge cards and other important pieces of information from the Stewardship Committee – Edith Onyeozili, Delois Brown, Renee Frazier, Henry Okafor and Lauren Sapp. We are truly grateful to them for reminding us of the importance of our Stewardship of Life. All that we have beloved comes from our good and gracious God and indeed belongs to them. We merely give back to the Him what is truly His

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the Wardens and Vestry, to say how grateful we are to one and all for your continued support of SMAA. Kindly return your pledge cards after carefully and prayerfully completing them.

With every Blessing.

Fr. Hugh+

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right use of thy bountiful goodness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Suggested daily Readings for the Season after Pentecost: Nov. 29 to Dec. 5.

Mon.	Isa. 1:10-20	Psalms 1, 2, 3	Luke 20:1-8
Tue.	Isa. 1:21-31	Psalms 5, 6	Luke 20:9-18
Wed.	Isa. 2:1-11	Psalms 119:1-24	Luke 20:19-26
Thurs.	Isa. 2:12-22	Psalms 18:1-20	Luke 20:27-40
Fri.	Isa. 3:8-15	Psalms 16, 17	Luke 20:41—21:4
Sat.	Isa. 4:2-6	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14)	Luke 21:5-19

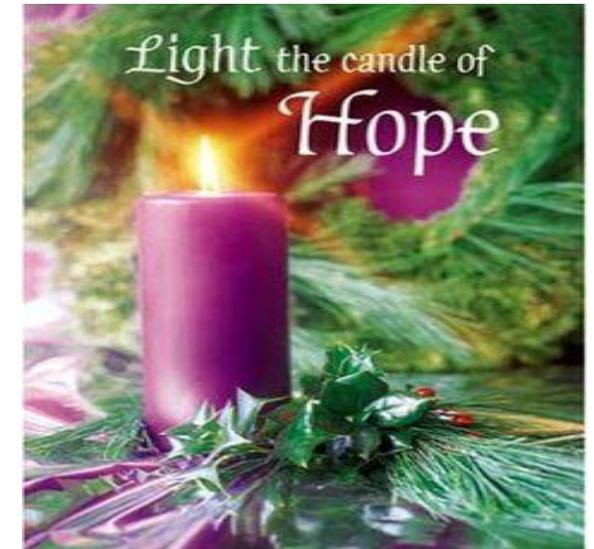
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

At 10:00 am



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HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

O come, o come Emmanuel!! Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell.

We wait in hope for peace once again

Return to us the joy of Bethlehem

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel

Opening prayer

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn H61, Sleepers, Wake!" A voice Astounds Us

Wachet auf

1 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us;

the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:

"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"

Midnight's peace their cry has broken,

their urgent summons clearly spoken:

"The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light;

the Bridegroom is in sight.

Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there,

that you the wedding feast may share."

3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;

let saints and angels sing before you,

as harps and cymbals swell the sound..

Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:

through them we stream to join the immortals

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

*We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, **include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.***

OUR VISION *is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.*

OUR MISSION *is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.*



HOLY COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!



Alyssa Camille Lewinson (11/29)

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Instrumental Postlude

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*

Collect for the Coronavirus pandemic

Almighty God, Heavenly Healer, we bring to you all who are affected by our present pandemic; for the infirm and infected, the anxious and afraid. By your power defend us and heal us. Let us see one another not as vectors of infection, but as opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Capital Campaign Prayer

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen.*

as we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight,

no ear heard such delight:

Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony readings: Hollis Sams.

1. Light of Hope

Narrator (1): For the people of the Old Testament awaited the Promised Messiah. God sent prophet after prophet to deliver this message of continued hope: "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give hope and a future. Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Therefore, be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

Narrator (2): In gratitude for the prophets and for all who bring the message of hope to our world, we light this candle.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news of the gospel, who preach glad tidings."

Narrator (3): For yesterday's prophets and today's messengers proclaim, who preach glad tidings,"

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord , have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People Amen.

The people sit

hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of god Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Announcements

Benediction

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

L9, On Jordan's Stormy Banks

American Melody

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Refrain:

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

2. O're all those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away. [Refrain]

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep in everlasting life. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn **L19**, I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger *American Melody*

1 I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
I'm trav'ling through this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger,
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

2 I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,
I know my pathway's rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before me,
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.
I'm going there to see my mother,
She said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,* up your strength and come

3. Restore us, O God of hosts,* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4. O Lord God of hosts,* how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5. You have fed them with the bread of tears;* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6. You have made us the derision of our neighbors,* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7. Restore us, O God of hosts;* how the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians (1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

16. Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17. And so will we never turn away from you,* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 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 breaks the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trysting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Celebrant continues:

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.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrances his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son and Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all benefits of his passion

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonably, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee, humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Gradual Hymn: H58 v 1, Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

St. Thomas

1. Lo! He come, s with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Mark (13:24-37).**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

After the Gospel the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn H58 v 4 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending *St. Thomas*

4. Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly;
Alleluia! Come, Lord come.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made,

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

In accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Celebrant proceeds

It is meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once satisfaction, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

The Peace

Celebrant says to the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Doxology H380, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Old 100th

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!
2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and ruth eternal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
3. 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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Samuel our Bishop, Charles and Dorsey, our assisting Bishops, and all bishops, our Rector Hugh and all priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those who are on our sick and homebound list as well as those who are in need of prayers and healing:

For those confined to Health Care Facilities:

Ophelia Scarbough and Jewel Robinson

For those at home:

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Sharal Jugger; Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, Sam Oliver Sr., James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Louis Venson, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Howard Vincent Lewis, Randolph James, Franklin & Audrey Bramble, Christine Seymour, Lamar Nottage, Marsha Thomas and Kove Lawson.

For those in the care of the Doctor

Joycelyn Stephens, Jo Ann Robinson, Williamae Jackson, Lauren Sap, Clifford Willabus, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marca Davis, Scott Allen, Kaleb Way, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Mark Wilson, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rasheen Jamison Richardson, Kurt Lieblong, Rudolph & Marva Griffith
Lillian Wehner, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Clint Lancaster, Renrick Alleyne, Jeffery Admas, Kurt Blyden, Delores Cyrus, Harold Samms, Maylee Rashenvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Doreen Walcott, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Carlottra Guyton, Fr. William Guthrie and Herma Watson Taylor.

For those on the front lines in the fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Grayson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Zuri A. White and Cheston Williams.

For those in the Military:

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ of Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are happy laden, and I will refresh you

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.