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HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

Processional Hymn **H525, v1 & 4** The Church's One Foundation *Aurelia*

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

4. Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all;

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illuminated by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit

A Reading from the Book of 1 Samuel 3:1-10, [11-20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me;* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thought from afar.

2. You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.*

3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lip,* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.*

5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;* It is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12. For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

13. I will thank you because I am marvelously made;* your work are wonderful, and I know it well.

14. My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.*

15. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;* they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!*

17. If I were to count them, they would be more than the sand;* to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now,

And ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians (6:12:20)

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body

itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

A567 v1, Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

1. I the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain.

Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord,
If you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John (1:43-51)**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me? Jesus answered, I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

After the Gospel, the Reader says: The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sequence Hymn **A567 v2, Here I Am Lord**

Shuttle

2. I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away
I will break their heart of stone,
Give them for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present Daniel Werner for Confirmation.
I present Porche Whitby to be received into this
Communion.
I present Sheila and Fred Hickman and also Henry Okafor
who desire to reaffirm their Baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates We do

Bishop

Do you renew your commitments to Jesus Christ?

Candidates

We do, and with God's grace we will follow him as our Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life with Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words.

Let us join those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius 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.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
In the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
Into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of
God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Sean Warren

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. *Amen.*

For Reception

We recognize you as a member of the holy and Apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion, God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace

A437 v1, Kum Ba Yah

Traditional

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

O Lord, kum ba yah.

Doxology

H380, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

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

Eucharist Prayer A (*remain standing*)

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People

L252, Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arm upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this Holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

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.

Communion Hymn

L227, We shall Overcome

Spiritual

1. We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

The Parish vestry meeting last evening, invited Sister Sheila Hickman to serve as junior warden in an interim capacity. She will do so until the Annual General Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2021.

Stewardship Campaign Committee

The Stewardship Campaign Committee is reaching out to you to ask that you complete and return your 2021 pledge form.

If you are using paper form, please return completed form to 1405 Melvin St. Tallahassee, FL 32301.

You may also access the pledge form by going to SMAA website, or **by clicking on the link below:**

<https://forms.gle/ovi3tyuViLtXSRTY6>

Please ignore this reminder if you have already returned your form.

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!

J. Gerald Grayson (1/18), Chioma Onyeozili (1/20), Nwamaka Onyeozili (1/22), Ebenezer Oriaku (1/22), Sam Oliver III (1/22).

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*

From the Rector's Desk

Welcome Bishop Howard

On account of a weather event last November, our Father-in-God, the Rt. Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard was prevented from making his annual visit to us. He is here today to confirm Daniel Werner, receive Porche Whitby into the Episcopal Church, and reaffirm the faith of Henry Okafor, as well as Fred and Sheila Hickman. At some point in the service, he will make a special presentation to Ms. Geraldine Roberts, the queen of St. Michael and all Angels. Bishop, thank you for coming.

Jesus – the Light of the World

The collect for this second Sunday after the Epiphany certainly reminds us of the prologue to John's gospel where the evangelist says in part – "and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." Yes, light always dispels darkness. I say that and am reminded of a story that Canon Wiley Ammons (no stranger to us here at SMAA) shared recently. His daughter was visiting her grandmother. Before she took leave, her grandmother asked her to put away the battery-operated votive candles she was playing with. The child placed the candles in random places, under a bed and behind a bookshelf. When asked why she didn't put them back where she found them, she responded by saying, 'the light goes where the darkness is' Simply profound!! What did Jesus say about that which comes out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies? Beloved, we believers are expected to be bearers of the light that will help lighten this dark world of ours.

Remembering Dr. King

Just over fifty years ago, we lost Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee. Admittedly, Martin was ahead of his times, but he left us an important message as a nation – that change must always be arrived at and through non-violent means. Let us pray that the ugly and violent images we saw two Wednesdays ago, will not be repeated anytime soon, in any corner of our nation.

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*.

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.*

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 at opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Suggested daily Readings for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany Jan. 18-Jan.23.

Mon.	Gen. 8:6-22	Psalm 25	John 2:23-3:15
Tue.	Gen. 9:1-17	Psalm 26, 28	John 3:16-21
Wed.	Gen. 9:18-29	Psalm 38	John 3:22-36
Thurs.	Gen. 11:1-9	Psalm 37:1-18	John 4:1-15
Fri.	Gen. 11:27-12:8	Psalm 31	John 4:16-26
Sat.	Gen. 12:9-13:1	Psalm 30, 32	John 4:27-42

