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HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE ONE

Instrumental Prelude

Opening prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtains everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn **H150 v1-2, Forty Days and Forty Nights** *au der Tiefe ruf ich*

1. Forty days and forty nights

thou wast fasting in the wild;

forty days and forty nights

tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Should not we thy sorrow share

and from worldly joys abstain,

fasting with unceasing prayer,

strong with thee to suffer pain?

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.

The Collect for Purity

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. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus 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 also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-17)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my
enemies triumph over me.**

2. Let none who look to you be put to shame;
Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

**3. Show me your ways, O Lord,*
and teach me your paths.**

4. Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
In you have I trusted all the day long.*

**5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
For they are from everlasting.**

6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
Remember me according to your love and for
The sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

**7. Gracious and upright is the Lord;*
Therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

8. He guides the humble in doing right
And teaches his way to the lowly.*

**9. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness*
To those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Letter of Peter (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when

God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **H67 v1, Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound** *New Britain*

*1. Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see*

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Mark(1:9-15)**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

In those day Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn **H671 v2, Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound** *New Britain*

*2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father

and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our elected Bishop John, our Rector Hugh; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially our sick and homebound, as well as those who are in need of prayers and healing;

For those at home:

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

For those in the care of the Doctor

Joycelyn Stephens, Jo Ann Robinson, Williamae Jackson, Lauren Sapp, Clifford Willabus, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marca Davis, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Marva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Kacey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Delores Cyrus, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, , Fr. William Guthrie, Herma Watson Taylor, Fred Hickman, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Byron & Pamela Greene and Zollie White II .

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 and Thandi Williams, and you may add your own petitions.

Pray that they may be healed and delivered from their distress.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for all life's blessings.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Minister and people

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.*

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those with hearty repentance and true faith 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 our Lord. *Amen.*

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

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy 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.

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*

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.*

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (remain standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit..**

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 meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, hold 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

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 people stand or kneel)

Celebrant continues

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 shalt 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 offered, 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 in 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 my 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."

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 remembrance 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, of 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 our 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 other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, 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 make 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 offences, 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.*

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 led 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

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, trusting 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, 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.

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

Communion Hymn

A685, Let Us Break Bread Together

Abbingdon

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

Meditation Hymn**Musical****A563 – I want Jesus to Walk With Me**

Walk With Me

After Communion, the Celebrant says**Let us pray.**

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 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.*

Recessional Hymn A431 v1-2. What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Converse

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.**Postlude**

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!

Margaret Edwards (2/22), Edith Onyeozili (2/24), Delaine Ornstein (2/25), Scott Allen (2/26), Fr. Hugh Chapman (2/28), Lenin & Tresia Mongerie (2/23).

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*

Anniversary Prayer

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that husbands and wives may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may grow in mutual love and understanding. In courtesy and kindness, so that they may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. *Amen*

A Look back at the history of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

The earliest known national organization among Black Episcopalians is the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH AMONG COLORED PEOPLE, founded in 1856 by James Theodore Holly of St. Luke's, New Haven. There were then four Black clergy and seven congregations. With their female auxiliary, the GOOD ANGELS, they fought the exclusion of Blacks from Episcopal seminaries and diocesan conventions, as well as the refusal of the Episcopal Church to take a stand against slavery. The SOCIETY, like all Black America, was divided over the issues of emigration to Africa or Canada for immediate freedom, or remaining in the States for eventual freedom. In 1861, Holly immigrated to Haiti. A remnant carried on for a few years under Samuel V. Berry of St. Phillip's Church, Buffalo, New York.

After the Civil War, General Convention's PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL FREEDOM'S COMMISSION established schools and churches in the South. Southern white resistance, northern white apathy, and dwindling revenues led to the disbanding of the Commission in 1867. That same year, a group of Blacks in Baltimore founded the SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHURCH WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE. It pressed for the re-establishment of a national program for black evangelism and education. In a few years it ceased to meet.

In 1882, a Mississippi priest launched a virulent attack on blacks, arguing that sparse black Episcopal growth was due to their intellectual, moral and leadership inferiority. The southern bishops then proposed the Sewanee plan to segregate blacks into a racial diocese. John Peterson, an aged teacher and deacon at St. Phillip's church, New York, called the black clergy together, who organized the CONVOCATION OF THE COLORED CLERGY, with the distinguished Cambridge scholar and missionary, Alexander Crummell of St. Luke's, Washington, D.C., as the first president. Later the name was changed to the CONFERENCE OF CHURCH WORKERS AMONG COLORED PEOPLE since some black laity and two white priests had joined.

***"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute." –
Thurgood Marshall***

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 first Sunday in Lent -February 22- February 27

Mon.	Deut. 8:11-10	Psalm 41, 52	John 2:1-12
Tue.	Deut. 9:4-12	Psalm 45	John 2:13-22
Wed.	Deut. 9:13-21	Psalm 119:49-72	John 2:23-3:15
Thurs.	Deut. 9:23-10:5	Psalm 50	John 3::16-21
Fri.	Deut. 10:12-22	Psalm 95	John 3:22-36
Sat.	Deut. 11:18-28	Psalm 55	John 4:1-26