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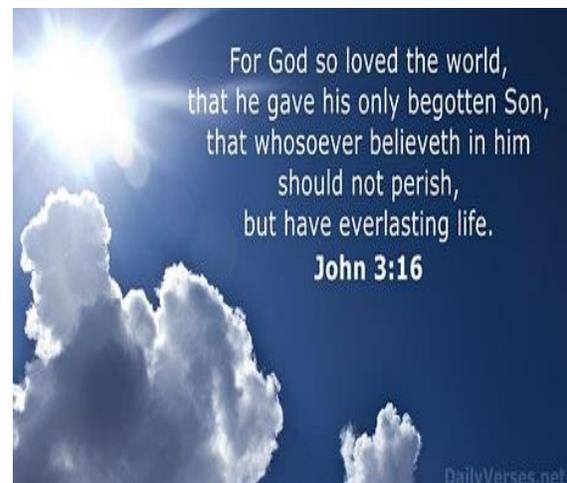
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## HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE ONE

### 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, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### Processional Hymn

**A242 v1, Lift high the cross**

CRUCIFER

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Master trod,  
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

### ***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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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 of 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 with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **Collect for the Day**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit*

### **The Lessons**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Number 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,\*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim\*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3. He gathered them out of the lands,\*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**17.** Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;\*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

**18.** They abhorred all manner of food\*  
and drew near to death's door.

**19.** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**20.** He sent forth his word and healed them\*  
and saved them from the grace.

**21.** Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy\*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

**22.** Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving\*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

**A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (2:1-10)**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**                      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**              **H458 v1, My Song is Love Unknown**

*Love Unknown*

1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I,-

That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

**Gospeler**            **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John 3:14-21**

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

**The Holy Gospel**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

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

**Sequence Hymn**            **H458 v2, My Song is Love Unknown**            *Love Unknown*

2 He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But oh, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend.

**Sermon**            The Reverend Hugh Chapman

**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 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 V**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond Lord, have mercy.*

For **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury, for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop, for **Samuel**, our Bishop, for **Hugh**, our Rector, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially **Joseph**, our President, **Kamala** our Vice-President, **Ron** our Governor, **Al** our Congressman, and **John** our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For **St. Michael and All Angels'** congregation both present and absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

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, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland and Genevie Vaughn.

**For those in the care of the Doctor**

Joycelyn Stephens, Jo Ann Robinson, Williema Jackson, Lauren Sapp, Clifford Willabus, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marva Davis, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Marva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey 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 and Lamar Nottage.

**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. Elaine 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 petition, we pray to you, O Lord.,

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

*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 says*

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 heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that 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.

Celebrant says to the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

**The Peace** **A437, Kum ba yah** **Traditional**

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!
2. Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah
3. someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah
4. Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah.

**Offertory** **Organ Interlude**

**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, 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*

**Sanctus**

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 people stand or kneel)*

*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 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 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 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

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, 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.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

**Communion Hymn    H685 v1-4, Rock of ages cleft for me**

*Toplady*

**1.** Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

**2.** Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

**3.** Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

**4.** While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

**Meditation Hymn**

**Instrumental**

**Amazing Grace**

*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.*

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn H470 v1, There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

*Beecher*

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

**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!**

Sharral Jugger (3/14), Rodney Roberts (3/20), Scott & Shauna Allen (3/20).

### **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*

## **The Joshua Generation**

### **Reflections by Shauna Allen**

St. Monica Chapter, Diocesan Assembly of Florida Secretary

Life Member, The Order of the Daughters of the King

President Barak Obama in his book "A Promised Land" recounts how Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., a veteran of the civil rights movement, called him to offer support and told him he was part of the Joshua Generation. He said that he and others like him were responsible for the next leg of the journey to build on the what the Moses generation had done and lead our people and this country out of the wilderness. He wrote on the profound effect this had on his decisions moving forward with his campaign. He paid tribute to the Moses generation in Selma, Alabama on March 4, 2007 at the funeral of Rosa Parks. He raised a banner for the Joshua generation to follow. This was my inspiration for my study of the book of Joshua and these reflections on the Joshua Generation.

Joshua is one of the historical books of the bible speaking of the faithfulness of Joshua who was commissioned by God to lead his children into the promised land after 40 years in the wilderness. The familiar story of the fall of Jericho has been the inspiration for Lenten meditation and prayer circle faith walks. Obedience to the law, carrying the stones and inheritance are other lessons. But there are other lessons particularly relevant to women that are highlighted in the Women's Study Bible.

The role of women is prominent in Joshua beginning with Rahab, the Canaanite woman and prostitute who hid the Israelite spies placing her family in great peril (Joshua 2:1). Perhaps because of her position she heard of the great things God was doing and learning of his plans for Jericho she hoped to spare her family. God used Rahab to accomplish his purposes and for her faithfulness he granted mercy and grace to her family making her part of his beloved community (Matthew 1:5).

Another lesson in Joshua was the dispensation of lands to the tribes as commanded by God. According to tradition, a man's inheritance went to the family' sons. Zelophehad had no sons, only daughters, Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah (Joshua 17:3). His daughters reminded Joshua and the leaders of God's commandment and received their inheritance along with their father's brothers. God's commandment overruled the traditions and granted equal treatment to women.

As I searched the internet for more writings on the Joshua Generation, I came across a blog by Bishop Joseph Mattera. He is the founding pastor of Resurrection Church and leader of the U.S. Coalition of Apostolic Leader and Christ Covenant Coalition. In his blog he describes [7 powerful traits of the Joshua Generation](#). He uses these traits as a call to the church to action similar to President Obama using this theme to call our nation to build upon our inheritance.

#### 1-The Joshua Generation honors the previous generation

Throughout my life I have heard the saying from leaders that we are standing on the shoulders of giants. The giants in my family were my great grandparents, grandparents and mom and her brothers and sisters, all HBCU graduates. Their example of faithfulness, public service and devotion to family shaped my life. I was often asked why I attended the University of Alabama being from Tuskegee. My response is because I could. The first black person to be admitted to the University of Alabama was a woman, [Atherine J. Lucy](#). Her fight led to the case of Brown vs. Board of Education successfully ending racial discrimination in public institutions of higher education. Because of her personal sacrifice in 1956, I was admitted in 1985 and received my bachelors. My sister received her masters and my nephew is now attending the oldest public university in the State of Alabama. Access to higher education is our inheritance and responsibility to ensure that succeeding generations keep this right.

*Continues next week*

### 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.*

### Suggested daily Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent -March 15- March 20

Mon.	Jer. 16:10-21	Psalm 89:1-18	John 6:1-15
Tue.	Jer. 17:19-27	Psalm 97, 99	John 6:16-27
Wed.	Jer. 18:1-11	Psalm 101, 109	John 6:27-40
Thurs.	Jer. 22:13-23	Psalm 69:1-23	John 6:41-51
Fri.	Jer23:1-8	Psalm 95	John 6:52-59
Sat.	Jer.23:9-15	Psalm 107:33-43	John 6:60-71