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HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

Opening prayer – said by the priest at the altar.

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn A120 v1 & 3 , Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Hymn to Joy

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

3. Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says
Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (Read responsively by whole verse)

**1. Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.**

2. With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.*

**3. The Lord has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

**5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

6. Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.*

**7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.*

**9. Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth**

10. In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.*

**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 the First Epistle of John (1 John 5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

A504 v1, Love Lifted Me

Safety

1. I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me-
Now safe am I.

Refrain:

Love lifted me,
 Love lifted me,
 When nothing else could help,
 Love lifted me,
 Love lifted me,
 Love lifted me,
 When nothing else could help,
 Love lifted me.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John (15:9-17)**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

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

Sequence Hymn **A504 v2, Love Lifted Me**

Safety

2. All my heart to Him I give,
 Ever to Him I'll cling,
 In His blessed presence live,
 Ever His praises sing,
 Love so mighty and so true
 Merits my soul's best songs;
 Faithful, loving service, too,
 To Him belongs. [Refrain]

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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop **Michael**, our 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 a 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 Jigger, 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, Franklyn Bramble, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn and Margaret Edwards.

For those in the care of the Doctor:

Joycelyn Stephens, Jo Ann Robinson, Williamae Jackson, Lauren Sapp, 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, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Fr. William Guthrie, Herma Watson Taylor, Ann Davis, Fred Hickman, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Cn. Nelson Pinder, Diane Martindale and Pennela Chapman.

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, Thandi Williams and you may add your own petitions, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Collect for the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Peace**A498, Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Miller

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let us each other be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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 by the priest and people.

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 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

Sanctus

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.

(The people stand or kneel)

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 arms 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 it, 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

A574, My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gordon

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I Love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Meditation Hymn

Musical Interlude

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Announcements by Junior Warden Sheila Hickman.

Recessional Hymn A400 v1 & 3, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Assam

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

3. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Community Bible Study

The Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) will host the second in a series of Community Bible Study Sessions on Wednesday May 26th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Last October, some 180 persons joined us on the call. Look out for further details.

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!

Henry Okafor (5/13).

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.*

Special Welcome

On behalf of our entire parish family, we say a special welcome to Fr. Wallace Marsh of St. John's Episcopal Church. Thank you for coming and helping us to celebrate Mothers' Day.

From the Rector's Desk

Mother's Day

I want to begin by offering a special greeting to our mothers, grandmothers, and the surrogate mothers to whom we owe so much. I am not at St. Michael's today on account of Henry and Proche' wedding that took place yesterday in Atlanta. Fr. Wallace from St. John's was kind enough to supply for me today. As I recall that conversation, he said, you got to take your wife with you and show her a good time, while you're there. So yes, I am able to help Genevieve celebrate Mothers' Day away from all of you wonderful mothers at SMAA. Not to worry (and God willing) come next year, we shall make up for all the celebrations we missed. Today, let us celebrate the mothers of our church, community, and country. Happy Mothers' Day again. Today is a day of special thanksgiving to God for the love, nurture, and care that you mothers so unselfishly provide. While Mothers' Day is not a "Holy Day" (according to our liturgical calendar), yet we pause and give thanks to God for mothers everywhere. Mothers' Day is a business bonanza for those peddling gifts that we feel obligated to purchase. I've said enough on that subject; here's another reason why we should observe Mothers' Day. I believe every mothers' day we are afforded the opportunity to reflect also on the "mothering" attributes of our God (in some cultures, the female pronoun is used to describe Him). And if we think clearly and soberly about these "mothering attributes" of our God, we would come to realise that this day, could both be celebratory and sober all at the same time. Indeed there is great joy and celebration when a child is born into a family. That woman becomes a mother, and she is never able to retire from that role, ever. The raising of children is sometimes successfully attempted by men, but mothers complete that task with such grace, purpose and love, that we know that what they do, brings unbridled joy to the heart of our God. That is why also when a child(ren) is estranged from his or her mother, she is consumed by undeniable grief and pain, particularly if that estrangement ultimately results in that child's demise. I believe, and am sure you do too, that our God has a special place in His heart for mothers everywhere. Unfortunately, for some mothers, this day is but a lonely experience, for their child/children are either far away or are simply refusing to connect with the one who brought them into this world. Equally painful for some of our womenfolk, is their inability to conceive – and I know our God shares their pain and

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disappointment. Thank goodness for adoptions and surrogacy and the science we have that makes our women, if they so desire, to become mothers after all.

May our good and gracious God bless you mothers and I hope you are made to feel truly special, today.

Fr. Hugh+

Justice Ministry Launch

We will launch our own Justice Ministry Network here at SMAA on Wednesday May 12th. In place of the regular Bible Study program, Leah Wiley will address those who gather online and help us initiate this important development, as we seek to work beside the other 25 congregations committed to doing justice here in Tallahassee and the Big Ben Area. Starting time is 6:00 pm. The online connection is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7672517865?pwd=MEVOSW5ZeGRNaEpndzliUE5ENTRFdz09>

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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 Easter Week: May 10, to May 15

Mon.	Lev. 25:35-55	Psalm 80	Matt. 13:1-16
Tue.	Lev. 26:1-20	Psalm 78:1-39	Matt. 13:18-23
Wed.	Lev. 26:27-42	Psalm 119:97-120	Matt. 22:41-46
Thurs.	Dan. 7:9-14	Psalm 8. 47	Matt. 28:16-20
Fri.	1 Sam. 2:1-10	Psalm 85. 86	Matt. 7:22-27
Sat.	Num. 11:16-17,24-29	Psalm 87, 90	Matt. 7:28-8:4