

# ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

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To our faithful brothers and sisters at St. Michael and All Angels,

I write today with joy and thanksgiving on the 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Tallahassee. You are especially in my thoughts and prayers for an exuberant day of rejoicing in God our Father for his great mercy and compassion to each of us.

In Psalm 95, David wrote these words:

*“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.*

*O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.”*

Let us sing. Let us worship. Let us bow down before the Lord, our Maker.

May God continue to bless each of you at St. Michael and All Angels and your shared ministry with the Episcopal Diocese of Florida.

With my warmest best wishes and blessings. Happy anniversary!

Faithfully,

The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard

Bishop of Florida

**SOLEMN HIGH MASS**

**Celebrant, The Rev. Hugh Chapman**

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO**

**Prelude**            Mr. Edward Bennett IV, Adjunct Professor, FAMU

**Opening prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Processional Hymn**

*H618 v 1&2, Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**1.** Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

***Refrain:***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**2.** O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord: [Refrain]

## **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.*

### **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* Glory to you, Lord

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **Collect for the Day**

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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 Genesis 28:10-17***

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 103:19-22** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**19. The LORD has set his throne in heaven,\*  
kingship has dominion over all.**

*20. Bless the LORD, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,\*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.*

**21. Bless the LORD, all you his and his  
hosts,\* you ministers of his  
who do his will**

*22. Bless the LORD, all you  
works of his,  
in all places of his dominion;\*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**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 Book of Revelation 12:7-12**

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn**      ***H454 v1, Jesus Came, Adorned by angels***

*Lowry*

1. Jesus came, adored by angels, came with peace from realms on high;

Jesus came for our redemption, lowly came on earth to die:

Allelulia, Alleluia! came in deep humility.

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Gospeler*      *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John (1:47-51)*

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ

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 come 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** *H454 v2, Jesus Came, Adorned by angels*

*Lowry*

2. Jesus comes again in mercy, when our hearts are bowed with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer to our earnest heartfelt prayer:  
Alleluia, Alleluia! comes to save us from despair

**Sermon**

The Rev. Fr. Dave Killeen

**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 IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy,**

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially our sick and those in need of peace and healing.



**For those at Home:**

Fr. Laughton Thomas, 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, Harriet Bowen. Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Reubina Gomez and Scott Allen.

**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, Devonias Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Fr. William Guthrie, Herma Watson Taylor, Fred & Sheila Hickman, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Canon Nelson Pinder, Camilla Stapleton, Elijah Malone, Carl Maxwell, Fr. Ranfurly Brown, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush and Kendra Nixon.

**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* give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation .

*Silence.*

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer*

We commend to your mercy all who died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

**Lord, in your mercy**

Hear our prayer

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**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 Rector 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 Rector then says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**The Peace**

**A221, Peace, Be Still**

Palmer

1. Master, the tempest is raging!  
The billows are tossing high!  
The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness,  
No shelter or help is nigh;  
"Carest thou not that we perish?"  
How canst thou lie asleep,  
When each moment so madly is threat'ning  
A grave in the angry deep?

**Refrain:**

The winds and the waves shall obey thy will.  
"Peace, be still!"  
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea,  
Or struggles or evil, whatever it be,  
No water can swallow the ship where lies  
the Master of ocean and earth and skies:  
They all shall sweetly obey thy will.  
"Peace, be still! Peace, be still!"  
They all shall sweetly obey thy will.  
"Peace, peace, be still!"

**Offertory**

**The Prayer**

Carole Sager and David Foster

Chris White, tenor and Eugenia Chapman, soprano

Lead us to a place,  
Guide us with your grace,  
Give us faith, so we'll be safe.

**Doxology**

**A650, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Duke Street

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 congregation remains standing*

### **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 debts as we forgive those who debtors. 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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Agnus Dei*

*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**                      *H325 v-1-3, Let Us Break Bread Together*                      *Spiritual*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, on our knees,

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

***Refrain:***

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

O Lord have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, on our knees,

Let us drink wine together on our knees. on our knees, [Refrain]

3. Let us praise God together on our knees, on our knees,

Let us praise God together on our knees, on our knees, [Refrain]

**Meditation Hymn**

**A130, *The Angels Keep A-Watchin'***

*Spiritual*

*Don Fortner, trumpet*

All night, all day,  
Angels watching over me, my Lord.  
All night, all day,  
Angels watching over me.

**Special selection by Mr. Edward Bennett IV, Adjunct Professor, FAMU**

**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**

**Recessional Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing***

James Weldon Johnson

1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun  
of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.  
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past,  
till now we stand at last  
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,  
thou who hast by thy might  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand,  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*     Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:**     Instrumental Selection – Debralee LaSeur-Helfand- Parish Organist

**CHURCH CALLED OFF BECAUSE OF RAIN**

No dashing rain can make us stay  
When we have tickets for a play;  
But if a drop the walk besmirch,  
It is too wet to go to church!



## 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!**

Simone Hruda (9/26), Lynette Padmore-Hamilton (9/27), Cassandra Grayson (9/29).

### **Birthday Prayer**

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

## **Brief History of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church**

St. Michael and All Angels Church began its long history in 1882 when Jacob R. Ballard, the second black deacon ordained in the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Florida, organized and took charge of the mission congregation under the authorization of Bishop J. F. Young.

Six years later, a new church building and the name of St. Michael and All Angels were given to the mission by Bishop E. W. Weed.

Then the Rev. W. H. Carter, rector of St. John's (Tallahassee) became priest-in-charge of St. Michael. Under his leadership and with the assistance of President D. T. Tucker (President of Florida Agriculture and Mechanical College, and the first St. Michael's lay reader) Sunday School and regular services were held. The parochial school was organized with President Tucker's assistance.

Throughout its early history, the church had no regularly assigned priest. In fact, it was not until 1947, sixty years after its founding that St. Michael had a permanently assigned minister. Prior to that time, priests from nearby churches assisted at St. Michael's. Notably among the assisting clergy was the Reverend Dr. W.H. Carter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee. Following Father Carter, other priests who served the church were: the Reverend James K. Satterwhite, the Reverend Bassion, Father John Brown, the Reverend E. S. Shirley, the Reverend J. H. Jones, the Reverend Robert L. Gordon, Father Fred Hunter and the Reverend J. H. Cole.

The year 1947 is important to St. Michael and All Angels not because it marked the beginning of continuous ministry, but because it was the year that the Reverend Father David Henry Brooks came to Tallahassee as Vicar of the church and Episcopal Chaplain at Florida A&M University. Father Brooks' many achievements in his ministry at St. Michael's are noteworthy. Significant among these was the construction of a chapel, which was to become the Parish Hall (Parish Canterbury House). Moreover, Father Brooks led the church to increased membership and presented scores of classes to the Diocesan Bishop for confirmation. Student members of the church were from all sections of the state, the nation and abroad. Father Brooks' leadership role in the community was well known; he was in the forefront of civil rights efforts and was known as a counselor and friend to students, faculty and the Tallahassee community at large. The influence of Father Brooks so impacted the congregation that in April 1995 they rededicated the Parish Hall and named it in his honor, the David Henry Brooks Hall.

The Rev. James H. Hall became Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels Church, June 15, 1974. Among his success are: encouraging and revitalizing existing groups; initiating the Friday Night Bible Study Group; putting emphasis upon individual counseling; stimulating broad lay participation and leading St. Michael to become a parish on May 22, 1977.

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The Reverend Vincent P. Harris became the second rector of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in 1980. His vision and leadership promised a glorious future of worship, love and service.

Father Vernon Douglas served as rector of St. Michael from 1984 until 1986. He continued to lead the congregation in both in-reach and out-reach activities.

For twelve years, beginning in 1988, Saint Michael and All Angels Church was blessed with the Reverend Father Carl C. Murray as rector. Father Murray shared many gifts with the members of St. Michael; the congregation was saddened by his retirement in 2000 and his recent passing.

The Reverend Laughton D. Thomas became the fifth rector of St. Michael and all Angels Church, in 2003. Among his successes were upgrading the physical plant, leading and reinstating two sessions of bible study each week, starting a choir vespers series, organizing the St. Monica chapter of the Daughters of the King, and supporting the softball team which was started by the Reverend Father David Suellau (priest-in-charge). The football team has competed winning many trophies at the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation League. Father Thomas was appointed as the first African-American Canon of the Diocese of Florida on January 28, 2005.

The Reverend David Suellau served as Priest in Charge following Rev. Murray's retirement. He is remembered as a wonderful teacher. During his tenure a softball team was started, and it won many won many trophies through its participation in the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Softball League.

The Reverend Laughton D. Thomas became the fifth rector of St. Michael and all Angels Church, in 2003. Among his successes were reinstating bible study each week, and organizing the St. Monica chapter of the Daughters of the King. He was able to make the church more visible and active in the Tallahassee community especially through partnerships with other Tallahassee ministries seeking a more just society. These efforts were also aided by his appointment as the first African-American Canon of the Diocese of Florida on January 28, 2005. Father Thomas retired on December 31, 2013.

The Reverend Cal Goodlett served as interim priest as the parish searched for a new rector. Father Goodlett's interim tenure lasted 44 months during which he encouraged the congregation to be the ministers of the Church and ushered in a period of greater congregational participation in all of the Church's ministries.

On September 25, 2017, Reverend Hugh Chapman began serving as the sixth rector of St. Michael and All Angels and he was installed on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 by the Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. He has already initiated plans that will significantly upgrade the facilities of our parish particularly with the Capital Campaign that is already on the way, and the repair and replacement of the shingles and steeple on the roof.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

### **Prayer for the Hurricane Season**

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

### **Capital Campaign Prayer**

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

### **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.*



### **A Special Welcome**

On behalf of the entire parish family, I want to say a special word of welcome to all those are visiting with us today, as we celebrate 139 years of work and witness. We thank God for all those who served in the past as priests, deacons, and lay persons. Let us build upon their efforts. Let me also thank my friend and colleague the Rev. Dave Killeen for accepting the invitation to be our preacher today. *Fr. Hugh+*

### **Message from Senior Warden Mr. Zollie White II**

Greetings Church Family,

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church for 139 years. Rejoice and let us continue to build His Kingdom here on earth. Thanks for your prayers and concerns for my family. "Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture... Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."