

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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*The People of St. Michael*

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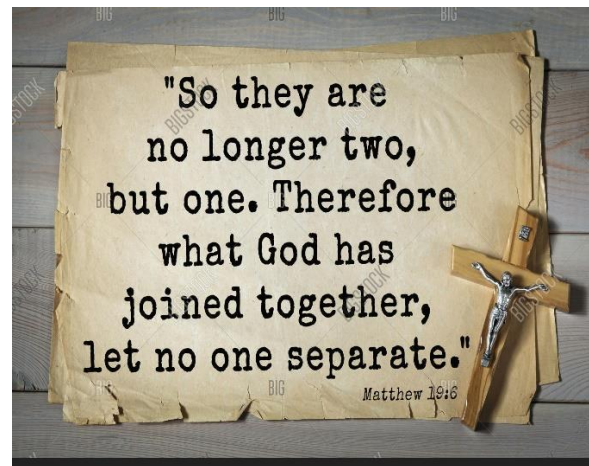
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## HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

### Opening prayer

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, we pray that you would look graciously upon the Diocese of Florida, and so guide the minds and hearts of the Nominating Committee as they prayerfully select candidates for the election of the next bishop of this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries: Guide also the minds and hearts of the candidates who will come before the Nominating Committee, that this process will be a time of discernment and growth in their lives and ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Processional Hymn

### L98, Praise Him

Harper

Praise Him! (4x)  
Jesus, Blessed Savior,  
He's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun  
Until the going down of the same;  
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy,  
He's worthy to be praised.

Praise Him! (4x)  
Jesus, Blessed Savior,  
He's worthy to be praised.

### 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** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **Collect for the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Job (1:1; 2:1-10)**

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

Psalm 26 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**1. Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity;\*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**

*2. Test me, O Lord, and try me:\**  
*examine my heart and my mind.*

**3. For your love is before my eyes;\***  
**I have walked faithfully with you.**

*4. I have not sat with the worthless.\**  
*nor do I consort with the deceitful.*

**5. I have hated the company of evildoers;\***  
**I will not sit down with the wicked.**

*6. I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord"*  
*that I may go in procession round your altar.*

**7. Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving\***  
**and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

*8. Lord, I love the house in which you dwell\**  
*and the place where your glory abides.*

**9. Do not sweep me away with sinners,\***  
**nor my life with those who thirst for blood.**

*10. Whose hands are full of evil plots,\**  
*and their right hand full of bribes.*

**11. As for me, I will live with integrity,\***  
**redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me**

*12. My foot stands on level ground;\**  
*In the full assembly I will bless the Lord.*

**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 Epistle to the Hebrews (1:1-4; 2:5-12)**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord

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

**Gradual Hymn**                      **L222, Jesus Loves the Little Children**

Root

Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world;  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Gospeler**                      **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:2-16)**

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

After the Gospel the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

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**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 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 V**

*Deacon or other leader*

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 by saying* 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, 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, Genevieve 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, Devonia 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, Thandi Williams and you may add your own, 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**

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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 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**

**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**

Organ Interlude

**Doxology**

**L56, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Hatton

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 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 is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**

**L55, In God We Trust**

Parisrh

1. In God we trust, with all our heart and soul,  
In God we trust to reach our righteous goal,  
Enshrined in Thee  
forever may we be,  
Come what may,  
Keep faith and pray,  
in God we trust, in God we trust,

2. In God we trust, wherever we may roam,  
In God we trust to bless our land and home,  
Through all our days  
we'll always sing His praise,  
Come what may,  
Our hearts will pray,  
in God we trust, in God we trust.

**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**

**Recessional Hymn**

**L234, God Be With You**

Dorsey

God be with you, God be with you,  
God be with you, until we meet again. (2x)

**Dismissal**

Celebrant      Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

**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!**



Pamela Greene (10/5),

### **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.*

### **Opportunity to Serve**

The process being undertaken to elect the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Florida will be providing all members in good standing to apply to serve on a Transition Committee. The Transition Committee will be tasked to move the slate of qualified nominees through the election process and assist the elected candidate through to consecration. If you feel the Lord may be leading you to pursue this opportunity, fill out an application and return it to [standingcommittee@diocesfl.org](mailto:standingcommittee@diocesfl.org). no later than midnight October 10, 2021.

## From the Rector's Desk

I am continuing today to share reflections others passed on to me. Today's topic – Never argue about Religion. Our writer says, sharing your faith and wanting to witness is one thing, arguing about what scripture says – is another. The Bible discourages this practice. In 2 Timothy 2:23, St. Paul writes, "don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments because you know they produce quarrels." Sometimes we believers are our worst enemies as we approach non-believers with the attitude that suggests we know it all, leaving little room for dialogue. We have to admit that that approach is offensive and arrogant and only serves to drive others away! It is interesting that we Christians often complain about persecution and the intolerance showed to us, without realizing that our obnoxious attitude, sometimes invites confrontation. Let us be honest, we will not win anyone over to Jesus if that is how we plan to witness. Instead, let us seek to share our faith and what we truly believe, with humility, kindness, and meekness – so watch your tone.

In 1 Peter 3:15, we're told exactly how God wants us witness: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Look, if someone wishes to engage you in a discussion about your view of the God you serve, and somehow becomes belligerent, walk away. Remember always, the whole purpose of sharing one's faith is not to win an argument but to help lead that person into God's kingdom and perhaps a closer relationship with Him.

Fr. Hugh+

### **The Bishop's Cross Award**

The Bishop's Cross Award Committee is now accepting nominations for 2022 recipients. The awards will be presented at the 2022 Diocesan Annual Convention to both clergy and lay honorees. Those to be considered, will have given of their time, talent, and treasure towards supporting, upbuilding and strengthening Diocesan Life. All written, typed or email nominations, must be received by December 1, 2021.

## 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 in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

### **Suggested daily Readings for Season after Pentecost: October 4 to October 9.**

Mon.	Hosea 14:1-9	Psalm 106:1-18	Luke 6:39-49
Tue.	Micah 1:1-9	Psalm.121, 122	Luke 7:1-17
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