

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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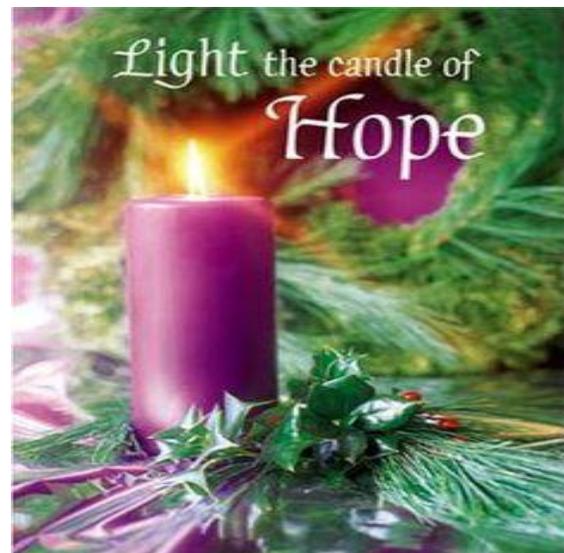
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HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

Instrumental Prelude

Ivana Kenny Carmola

O come, o come Emmanuel!! Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell.
We wait in hope for peace once again
Return to us the joy of Bethlehem
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel

Opening prayer

The Celebrant

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn H616, v1&2, Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Waldvoegelein

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

1. Light of Hope

Narrator: For the people of the Old Testament awaited the Promised Messiah. God sent prophet after prophet to deliver this message of continued hope: "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give hope and a future. Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Therefore, be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

Narrator: In gratitude for the prophets and for all who bring the message of hope to our world, we light this candle.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news of the gospel, who preach glad tidings."

Narrator: For yesterday's prophets and today's messengers proclaim, who proclaim the hope of salvation to people everywhere, we give thanks.

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.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires know, 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 our Lord.
Amen.

Hear what our Lord 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

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People Amen.

The people sit

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: H57 v1-2, Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke (21:25-36)**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with

dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

After the Gospel the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn H57 v 3 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending *Helmsley*

3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

The Sermon

The Reverend. 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 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 I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Michael** our Presiding Bishop, **Samuel** our Bishop, **Hugh** our Rector, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, **Joseph, Kamala** our Vice President, **Rocky** our District Superintendent of Schools, for the leaders of the nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this city, **Tallahassee**, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our sick and homebound list 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, Genevie Vaughn, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Sam & Sharal Jugger and Allan Johnson.

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, Cn. Nelson Pinder, Camilla Stapleton, Elijah Malone, Carl Maxwell, Fr. Ranfurly Brown, Al Lawson Jr. ,Bill Bush, Kendra Nixon and Nohemy Reid.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of **St. Michael** and with all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Collect for the Coronavirus Pandemic. Page 19.

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

The priest stands and 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 happy laden, and I will refresh you

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit

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

Hatton

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!
2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and ruth eternal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
3. 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

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Life up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

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

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 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 satisfaction, 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 which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he break 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 remembrances 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 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 and 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 reasonably, 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 offenses, 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant breaks the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep in everlasting life. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn A342, v1,2 &3 We Gather together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures.
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
You, Lord, were at our side; all glory be Yours!

3. We all do extol You our leader triumphant,
And pray that You still our defender will be.
Let Your congregation escape tribulation;
Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Meditation Hymn

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

Benediction

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn**L79v 1-2, Jesus, lover of my soul**

Wesley

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Dismissal**Instrumental Postlude****A word from the Stewardship Committee**

The committee led by Dr. Edith Onyeozili is asking that we return our pledge cards by December 12th so that they could be consecrated on Sunday December 19th. That very day, in addition to having the Advent Lessons and Music, Leslie Baker and her hospitality committee will host a stewardship luncheon. Kindly complete the survey sent from the office.

Replacement of A/C Unit

When the vestry meets December 13th, they will review the three (3) bids presented by the Junior Warden, Charlie Clark. Thereafter, the new unit will be ordered.

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! 

Alyssa Camille Lewinson (11/29), Calvin Barnes (11/30).

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.*

From the Rector's Desk

The Season of Advent

The word Advent is derived from the Latin word – “adventus” which is translated – coming. The season of Advent begins today and will last for four (4) Sundays. For us Anglicans/Episcopalians, Advent Sunday is traditionally the day on which the ecclesiastical year begins, and the liturgical color used is always purple. Again the Advent Wreath will appear accompanied by special reflections each Sunday. This first Sunday, we have a message of Hope. There is one difference however, for the third Sunday's observance, rose colored vestments are used when available and notably, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted at all celebrations of the Eucharist. The Advent Season serves as a reminder to us believers that we ought not to only prepare for the great festival of Christmas, but also for the Second Coming of the Christ on the Last Day.

Stewardship Season

Our stewardship season will conclude today with an address by Fr. Dave Killeen who has become part of our church family. The next step is for all of us to prayerfully prepare our pledges for 2022. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, the Lord has been good to all of us, and we are afforded the opportunity to show Him how grateful we are for his manifold blessings. The Episcopal Church encourages us to practice the 'tithe' (10% percent) in our giving. What we give to the Lord should be proportionate – bear a direct reflection of what He gave to us in the first place. We want to also encourage those of us who are behind on our pledges, to make a determined effort to become current. SMAA is supported by direct giving – that is, what we give Sunday by Sunday. Be reminded that the Lord is counting on each and everyone of us to do what we know is right in his sight.

Fr. Hugh+

Vestry at Work

The vestry is working closely with Linda Dilworth (chair of our Capital Campaign Committee) to finalize a grant proposal to be presented to the Department of State. This grant of \$500,000 requires no match and provides us and other churches/institutions with the opportunity to fund building projects. The submission date for the application is November 30th.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

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.*

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.*

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.*

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: Nov. 29 to Dec. 4.

Mon.	Isa. 1:10-20	Psalm 1, 2, 3	Luke 20:1-8
Tue.	Isa. 1:21-31	Psalm 5, 6	Luke 20:9-18
Wed.	Isa. 2:1-11	Psalm 119:1-24	Luke 20:19-26
Thurs.	Isa. 2:12-22	Psalm 18:1-20	Luke 20:27-40
Fri.	Isa. 3:8-15	Psalm 16, 17	Luke 20:41—21:4
Sat.	Isa. 4:2-6	Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14)	Luke 21:5-19

Today Sunday, November 28

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