

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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LITURGY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

CHORAL PRELUDE

O Come O Come Emmanuel, *Candles and Carols*

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

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**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHT OF LOVE

Reader: Margaret Edwards

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him. The Son of the Most High was born in the humble surroundings of a stable, because there was no room in the inn.

In gratitude for the one who found room in his stable, and for all who have room in their hearts for the Savior, we light this candle of love. Hear the word of the Lord: "I have loved you with an everlasting love. My command is this: Love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself."

For the one who opened the stable doors of yesterday, and for those who open their hearts today to the love of God, we give thanks.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem where we behold the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our turning away from him until the time of our redemption in the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, born a child, living among us, and dying to set us free. Let us give thanks for the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, we pray for the needs of all people, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he gives his life, even now here in this country, in this city, and in this congregation.

And because he loves us so much, let us remember in his name the poor, the helpless, those this day who are cold and hungry, the oppressed, the sick, those who mourn, those who are alone, the aged, little children, and all people who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his mother, Mary, and Joseph journeying on the road to Bethlehem, persons chosen to bear the life of Christ into the world, to raise him up in the ways of goodness and right, and the whole multitude of persons which no one can number, whose hope remains in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, summing up these petitions, let us pray in the words which our Lord Christ himself has taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. ***Amen***

May God the Father bless us with his grace, find us receptive to goodness and mercy in his Son our Lord, and bring us all in the power of his Holy Spirit to the joy of his everlasting Kingdom. *Amen*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: *His mercy endureth for ever.*

Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepare for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, our God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.)

Silence to be observed

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was y in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. the man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field’ but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took none of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become on flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

H416 v1 & 4, For the beauty of the Earth (Choir and Congregation)

Dix

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Omar Mongerie

(God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.)

Silence to be observed

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; ay to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

By the waters of Babylon (Choir) Babylon Canon by Philip Hayes

By the waters, the waters of Babylon,

We lay down and wept, and wept, for thee, Zion.

We remember thee, remember thee, remember thee, Zion.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-15

Claire Wasson

(God promises a new covenant which will be written upon the hearts of the people)

Silence to be observed

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

H401 The God of Abraham praise (Congregation and Choir)

Leoni

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;

Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;

Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;

I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

Colton Wasson

(The one who is to rule Israel will be born in Bethlehem)

Silence to be observed

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

A217 Jesus, The Light of the World (Congregation and Choir) *We'll Walk in the Light*

- 1** Hark! the herald angels sing
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.
- 2.** Joyful, all ye nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world [Refrain]

Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

FIFTH LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sierra Mongerie

(The Lord will be among us, we are summoned to rejoice and sing.)

Silence to be observed

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exalt with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

H66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

- 1.** Come, thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 1:5-25

Abigail Erefah

(An Angel tells Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, will bear a son.)

Silence to be observed

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before

God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel, I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become

mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “this is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

L2 Behold Your God

Louis

Oh, thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
oh, thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem;
Lift up your voice with strength.
Lift it up, don't be afraid.
Behold your God.
Arise and shine, for the light of the world is come.
Behold your God!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-45, [46-55]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that

there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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 that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

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

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (prayer to be said)

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (remain standing)

The Celebrant says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift 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: 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.

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is 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 of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son 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,

Celebrant and People:

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.*

Celebrant: 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, trysting 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:

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 H336 vs 1-3, Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

1. Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
With a faith forever new;
And in leaving now your altar,
Let us nevermore leave you.
O let your angel chorus
Cease not the heav'nly strain;
But in us, your loving children,
Bring peace, good will again.

2. Come with us, O mighty Savior
God from God, and Light from Light;
Thou are God, thy glory veiling.
So that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee,
Through our work as through our prayer;
Grant us light to see and know thee,
In thy people every where.

3. Come with us, O King of glory,
By angelic voices praised;
In our hearts as in thy heaven,
Be enraptured anthems raised.
Let eh mighty chorus ever
Sing its glad exultant songs;
Let its hymn be heard for ever
Peace for which creation longs.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Almighty and everlasting 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.**

Celebrant: 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

The Service has ended.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Recessional Hymn

L14 vs1-4, Soon and Very Soon

Crouch

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

2. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King

3. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King

4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.

Coda: Hallelujah sung 4 times.

DISMISSAL

INSTRUMENTAL 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!



Prokop Hruda (12/21), Pennela Chapman (12/23), Natalie Payne (12/24), Verona Satchell (12/25), David & Anne Powell (12/22), James & Pamela Fort (12/23).

Birthday Prayer

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

Anniversary Prayer

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that husbands and wives may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may grow in mutual love and understanding. In courtesy and kindness, so that they may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. *Amen.*

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Mission trip to Louisiana

The Episcopal Community in Sanibel is leading a mission trip to Hammond, Louisiana. Hammond (about 60 miles north of New Orleans) suffered from the recent flooding in that area and the church is partnering with the Fuller Center, Grace Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Louisiana, to help with relief and restoration work. Charlie Clark has been asked by the organizers to coordinate the Tallahassee arrangements. Feel like volunteering? Let Charlie know (850-631-0780).

Diocesan Convention 2022

Our diocese will gather in convention on January 29, 2022, at Camp Weed and Cerveney Conference (in person). SMAA's delegates are, the rector, Margaret Edwards, and Kate Wasson.

Annual General Meeting

The date for our AGM is February 20, 2022. At that gathering, we shall have to elect five (5) new persons to serve on vestry. Let us begin to think of possible candidates to take the place of those who are retiring.

A Special thank You

We are grateful to Leslie Baker and the Hospitality Committee for hosting us to lunch today. It has been a while since they had the opportunity to do so.

Poinsettias for Christmas

The Altar Guild is reminding us that we need to purchase poinsettias to decorate the altar and church building for Christmas. Kindly leave your donation outside the door by the latest Friday (December 24th).

Interviews have Begun

Interviews for the candidates seeking to become the 9th Bishop of Florida, have begun. We ask that you keep them and their families in prayer as well as the Nominating Committee, as it embraces this solemn task.

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

Capital Campaign Prayer

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

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: Dec. 20 to Dec.25

Mon.	Isa. 11:1-9	Psalm 61, 62	John 5:30-47
Tue.	Isa. 11:10-16	Psalm 66, 67	Luke 1:5-25
Wed.	Isa.28:9-22	Psalm 72	Luke 1:5-25
Thurs.	Isa. 29:13-24	Psalm 80	Luke 1:39-48a
Fri.	Isa. 33:17-22	Psalm 148, 150	Luke 1:57-66
Sat.	Isa. 35:1-10	Psalm 45, 46	Luke 1:67-80

Today Sunday, December 19

Acolytes:

Crucifer: Colton Wasson

Gospel Book Bearer: Claire Wasson

Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

Vestry: Zollie White II