



# ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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## HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

### Opening prayer

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

**Processional Hymn      A300 Glorious is the Name of Jesus      Fryson**

Glorious is the name of Jesus, praises to His name.

Oh, glorious and righteous and holy is His name.

Oh, glorious is His name.

I feel His presence in this place, His Spirit has control.

Can't you feel His warm embrace and all the joy within your soul?

Oh, glorious is His name.

Oh, glorious is His name.

Oh, glorious is His name.

### ***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**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature; Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

*The people sit*

### **A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (31:7-14)**

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 84:1-8***(Read responsively by whole verse)*

**1. How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!\***

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

*2. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young;\**

*by the side of your altars, o Lord of hosts, my King and my God*

**3. Happy are they who dwell in your house!\***

**they will always be praising you.**

*4. Happy are the people whose strength is in you!\**

*whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

**5. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs\***

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

*6. They will climb from height to height,\**

*and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion*

**7. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;\***

**hearken, O God of Jacob**

*8. Behold our defender, O God;\**

*and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

**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 Ephesians (1:3-6, 15-19a)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not - cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### **Gradual Hymn**

### **H128 v1-2 We three kings**

### *Three Kings of Orient*

1 We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12**

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the Gospel the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn            H128 v3-5    We three Kings    *Three Kings of Orient***

3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

5 Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Heaven sings Alleluia:  
Alleluia the earth replies. [Refrain]

**Sermon**

The Reverend Dave Killeen

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People Form VI**

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

*Silence*

**For all people in their daily life and work;**

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

**For this community, the nation, and the world;**

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

**For the just and proper use of your creation;**

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

**For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;**

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy*

**For the peace and unity of the Church of God;**

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

**For [Michael](#) our Presiding Bishop, [Samuel](#), our Bishop, [Hugh](#) our Rector, and for all Bishops  
and all other Ministers;**

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

**For those in this congregation who are 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, Franklyn  
Bramble, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn,  
Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Reubina Gomez Scott Allen, Sam & Sharal Jugger and  
Allan Johnson.***

**For those in the care of the Doctor**

**Dourest** Robinson, **Leslie** Baker, **John** Melville, **Joycelyn** Stephens, **Jo Ann** Robinson, **Williemae** Jackson, **Lauren** Sapp, **Dr. Derek** Spencer, **Marva** Davis, **Delores** Brown, **Hattie** Olivia Scott, **Alexis** Shermise Brown, **Jasmine** Hartin, **Shevette** Newkirk, **Pamelia** Harris Williams, **Klcey** Scott, **Erica** Scott, **Renrick** Alleyne, **Jeffery** Adams, **Mayleen** Rosheuvel, **Ena** Mason, **Darlene** Sheppard, **Merrick** Winston Edwards, **Devonia** Sears, **Landon** Drye, **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, **Kendra** Nixon, **Hohemy** Reid and **Luann** Hickman.

**For those on the front lines in the fight against the Corona virus Pandemic**

*Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, **Dr. Shaun** Laurie, **Dr. Nwamaka** Onyeozili, **Dr. Ross** Howard McMillan, **Dr. Ciara** Grayson, **Dr. Elaine** 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 own petitions.

*Silence*

**Hear us, Lord;**

*For your mercy is great.*

**We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.**

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

**We will exalt you, O God our King;**

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

**We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom**

*Silence*

**Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;**

*Who put their trust in you.*



**We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**

**H712 Dona nobis pacem**

*Dona nobis pacem*

**Offertory**

Organ Interlude

## **Doxology H380, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Old 100th**

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

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

*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      H115 What child is this?**

*Greensleeves*

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
This, this is Christ the King,  
The babe, the Son of Mary.

2 Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

3 So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Refrain)

## **Meditation Hymn**

### **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 H107 Good Christian Men Rejoice**

*In dulci Jubilo*

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ was born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

### **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!**



Akach Anwuri (1/3)./ Prokup & Simone Hruda (1/3)

### **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

### Looking into the Future

Not many of us are sorry to see 2021 go, for look what we were left having to deal with this past year. It was tragedy upon tragedy, as daily we were reminded of how many fellow Americans we lost to COVID and its evil sisters, the variants that created havoc across our world. Indeed nothing was saved, almost all forms of entertainment were plagued – the theater, art shows, professional and college sports. We were not spared in the church either, as we watched our weekly attendance dwindle to an average about twenty (20) souls per week here at St. Michael and All Angels. Just to show how widespread all of this has been, just recently the National Cathedral had to close its doors for fear of becoming a super spreader! Normally at Christmas, thousands upon thousands visit our Cathedral as guests. Other denominations had to make that painful decision as well. Fortunately, technology came to our rescue. Because of live-streaming, those who stayed at home across the country were still able to “worship” from their couches. Let me pay tribute to those who still managed to attend here at St. Michael and All Angels despite the on-going threat of infection, particularly the young and those with pre-existing conditions. We here at St. Michael and All Angels owe a great debt of gratitude to the Altar Guild, Music Ministry and those who introduced live-streaming to us – Cassandra and Daniel Werner and those who kept us going, after the Werners left for Nashville – DL LaSeur, Gabrielle Hickman and more recently Eugenia Chapman, Leslie and Sean Warren. We are all grateful to those who served as lectors faithfully “showing up” when they were assigned to so do. We owe a debt of gratitude to our wardens, vestry, and Elizabeth Humes, who saw to it that despite our challenges, the work of ministry continued uninterrupted.

Then there was the steeple project, that was completed in time for the Christmas Celebrations (thanks to Charlie Clark). While our Capital Campaign remained somewhat dormant, we are truly grateful to Linda Dilworth, Cassandra Werner and Delois Brown for keeping this vision alive among us.

So what does the future hold? I have no crystal ball to gaze into – do you? What we do share together is this belief that our God remains in control of all that happens in our world. So let us remain ardent in our prayers and faithful in our support for the work of His Church in the world. Pray for St. Michael and All Angels as well as our Diocesan Family as we prepare to elect a new bishop – a new spiritual leader for us Episcopalians across North Florida – this will happen in May.

Most of all I urge that you pray incessantly for our nation and people that we will see a cessation to all the poisonous rhetoric that has invaded our national discourse, and instead, we will return to some sort of civil discourse again. Let's pray that our God would look upon us lovingly as a people who after all we've been through, and help us to grab hold of a vision that says despite our differing ethnicities, our denominational boundaries, our various political affiliations, we will once again be prepared to become one nation under God.

With every blessing

Fr. Hugh

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

### 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 week of Second Sunday after Christmas: January 03 -January 08

Mon.	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 68	John 6:15-27
Tue.	Joshua 3:14-4:7	Psalm 85	John 9:1-12, 35-38
Wed.	Jonah 2:2-9	Psalm 2	John 11:17-27, 38-44
Thurs.	Isa.52:7-10	Psalm 46	Matt. 12 14-21
Fri.	Isa. 52:3-6	Psalm 103	John 2:1-11
Sat.	Isa. 59:15-21	Psalm 117	John 4:46-54

### Today Sunday January 2

**Acolytes:**

**Crucifer** Omar Mongerie

**Gospel Book Bearer** Sierra Mongerie

**Lectors:** Alexis McMillan, Laureatte Scott and  
Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

**Vestry:** Charlie Clark

**Organist:** Debralee LaSeur Helfand