

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 08, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

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*The People of St. Michael*

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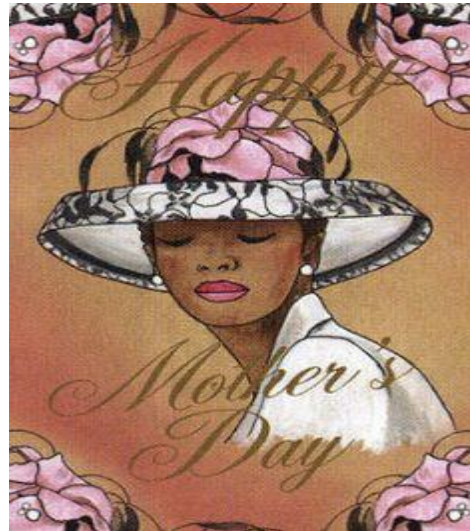
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## HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

### INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Brahms Lullaby Op.49, No. 4

Debralee LaSeur-Helfand  
Constance Mele, Violist

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Processional Hymn    Keep on believing v1&2,**        Sung to melody for Blessed Assurance

1. When you feel weakest, dangers surround;  
Subtle temptations, troubles abound;  
Nothing seems hopeful, nothing seems glad,  
All is despairing, even time sad.

#### REFRAIN:

Keep on believing, Jesus is near;  
Keep on believing; there's nothing to fear;  
Keep on believing, this is the way;  
Faith in the night, as well as the day.

2. If all were easy, if all were bright,  
Where would the Cross be?  
Where would the fight?  
But in the hardness, God gives to you  
Chances of proving that you are true. [Refrain]

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*  
Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

**People    The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

*The people sit*

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43).**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**1.** The Lord is my shepherd\*

I shall not be in want.

**2. *He makes me lie down in green pastures\****

***and leads me beside still waters.***

**3.** He revives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4. *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil;\****

***for you are with me;***

***your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***

**5.** You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;\*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

**6. *Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\****

***and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.***

**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.***

**Reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17).**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn       A426 v1, The Lord Is My Shepherd**

POLAND

**1** The Lord is my Shepherd, no want shall I know;  
I feed in green pastures, safe folded I rest;  
He leadeth my soul where the still waters flow,  
Restores me when wandering, redeems when oppressed,  
Restores me when wandering, redeems when oppressed.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Gospeler   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John (10:22-30)**

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*After the Gospel the Reader says:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

**A426 v2, The Lord Is My Shepherd** POLAND

2. Through the valley and shadow of death though I stray,  
Since Thou art my guardian, no evil I fear;  
Thy rod shall defend me, Thy staff be my stay;  
No harm can befall with my Comforter near,  
No harm can befall with my Comforter near.

**SERMON**

Dr. Marcy Muldrow Sanders

**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, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Sam & Sharal Jugger, Allan Johnson, and Fr. Terrance Rosheuvell.

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

Cardlous Walters, Dourest & Joann Robinson, Leslie Baker, John Melville, 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 Rosheuvell, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonias Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Canon Nelson Pinder, Camilla Stapleton, Elijah Malone, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush, Nohemy Reid, Luann Hickman, Fred Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Deborah Coleman and Leslie Warren.

**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,

*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.**

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and people*

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



*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

**THE PEACE**

**H554, Tis the Gift to be simple**

*Simple Gifts*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where I ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;  
to turn, turn, will be my delight.  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

**ALL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT TO RECEIVE YOUR ROSES.**

**Offertory**

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

**Doxology**

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

Hatton

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

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***Eucharistic Prayer A*** (remain standing)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*Celebrant and People*

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 forever. Amen.

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

#### **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.*

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*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    A517 v1-3, Precious Memories**

#### **PRECIOUS MEMORIES**

**1.** Precious mem'ries, unseen angels,  
Sent from somewhere to my soul;  
How they linger, ever near me,  
And the sacred past unfold.

**Refrain:**  
Precious mem'ries, how they linger  
How they ever flood my soul;  
In the stillness of the midnight,  
Precious, sacred scenes unfold.

**2** Precious father, loving mother,  
Fly across the lonely years;  
And old home scenes of my childhood,  
In fond memory appear. [Refrain]

**3.** As I travel on life's pathway,  
Know not what the years may hold;  
As I ponder, hope grows fonder,  
Precious mem'ries flood my soul. [Refrain]

**Meditation Hymn: A520 v1, O Perfect Love**

O PERFECT LOVE

1. O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
that theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
whom thou in sacred vow dost join in one.

**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**

**A410 v1&2, Faith of Our Mothers**

ST. CATHERINE

1. Faith of our mothers, living yet  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery love and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air.  
Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,  
the fount of childhood's trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
The wellspring of a nobler race;  
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

**DISMISSAL**

Celebrant      Our worship has ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

**People**      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**

**The beautiful flowers at the altar are offered in gratitude to God by Jayla Pinkston in celebration of her birthday.**

## MEET OUR SPEAKER

Marcy Muldrow Sanders is member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She is in her second year on the Vestry and is commissioned with Pastoral Care. She recently completed Stephen Minister training and will be commissioned soon. She serves as parliamentarian of the Fr. David Henry Brooks Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians in Tallahassee. Marcy is the National Security Innovation Network's (NSIN) University Program Director at FAMU and the State University System. She is a member of The Drifters, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and a lifetime member of Leadership Tallahassee.

Marcy graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Print Journalism; Chaminade University of Honolulu with a Master's in Business Administration in Accounting, and; Capella University with a Doctor of Public Health in Epidemiology.

She enjoys making Anglican rosaries, religious and spiritual jewelry, reading, and gaming.



## MEGA YARD SALE



The committee planning for this activity scheduled for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, is still in need of volunteers. So far, the donations are flowing in. Drop yours off to the Fellowship Hall on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. Items to be sold will include, live plants, small appliances, kitchen ware, curios, artwork, infant/toddler care items. Let Verona Satchell, know how you plan to assist or support (850-491-1577).

## 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!**

Sheila Hickman (5/8), Jayla Pinkston (5/8), Henry Okafor (5/13), Henry & Porche' Okafor (5/8).

### **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**

### **A truly remarkable Story – (shared by a sister in Christ).**

This Dr. Abraham, a well-known cancer specialist, was on his way to an important conference in another city to receive an award in the field of medical research. He was excited about the recognition he was about to be afforded. So he boarded his flight. However, two hours after they took off, the pilot announced that he was going to have to make an emergency landing on account of a technical problem. Afraid that he was going to be late, Abraham went to enquire from an attendant at the check-in counter, "who told him, he had a ten(10) hour wait." Abraham rented a car and decided to drive to his destination, which was four (4) hours away. Almost as soon as he left, the weather became stormy, and in the downpour, he missed the important turn off he was supposed to make. So driving on a deserted road, feeling hungry, and yes tired, he frantically looked for any sign of civilization. He stopped at a small house that he spotted along the way, knocked on the door and asked the woman who opened it, to use her phone. She had none, but invited him inside, advising that he should wait out the storm. The host offered him a meal but first asked him to join her in prayer – he declined. He told this lovely lady, that he believed in hard work, not in prayer. From where he sat, sipping some tea, the doctor observed the woman pray every now and then at a baby's crib. Sensing her need, the doctor asked what was the child's ailment, and suggested that if God ever listened, then he would heal the child. The woman explained that a rare form of cancer was slowly consuming the child's body and she was told that a certain Dr. Abraham could possibly cure the child! Stunned and speechless, Dr. Abraham began to weep. He uttered words that previously he might not have said – "God is great." He recounted to the woman, the sequence of bad events, the malfunction of the plane, the delay, the thunderstorm, and the fact that he virtually got lost along the way. The woman listened as he spoke in rueful tones, and assured him that God answers prayer and was giving him a chance to leave behind his bondage of a materialistic career pursuit, and instead give some of his time to a poor helpless woman who had nothing but rich prayers to offer. What a story!

Fr. Hugh+

### **140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As indicated previously, Alexis Roberts McMillan will chair the committee planning the aforementioned celebrations and she will be assisted by Darryl Tookes. Alexis is looking for lots of volunteers seeing that it will be a week-long celebration. Let her know how you plan to assist (850-445-5261) or email: [alexisrph11@gmail.com](mailto:alexisrph11@gmail.com).

### 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.*

#### 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 fourth week of Easter: May 9 – May 14

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Exod. 32:1-20</b>	<b>Psalm 41, 52</b>	<b>Matt. 5:1-10</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Exod.32:21-34</b>	<b>Psalm 45</b>	<b>Matt. 5:11-16</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Exod. 33:1-23</b>	<b>Psalm 119:49-72</b>	<b>Matt. 5:17-20</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Exod. 34:1-17</b>	<b>Psalm 50</b>	<b>Matt. 5:21-26</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Exod. 34:18-35</b>	<b>Psalm 40, 54</b>	<b>Matt5:27-37</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Exod. 40:18-38</b>	<b>Psalm 55</b>	<b>Matt. 5:38-48</b>

#### Today Sunday, April 8

**Acolytes:** Omar Mongerie, Sierra Mongerie

**Crucifer:** Prokop Hruda

**Gospel Book Bearer:**

**LEMS:** James Fort

**Lectors:** Chris White, Charlie Clark,  
Prokop Hruda

**Vestry:** Margaret Edwards

**Organist:** DL LaSeur-Helfand