

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



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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10:00 a.m.

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## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

### INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Ivana Kenny Carmola

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Florida for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Processional Hymn    **A289, v1-5, Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

DUKE STREET

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

## 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and resigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit*

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:16-34)**

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they brought them before the magistrates they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or observe," The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had been given a severe flogging, they threw them into prison, and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake,

so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up, and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Don't harm yourself, for we are all here" The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and all his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 97 (Read responsively by whole verse)**

1. The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;\*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2. ***Clouds and darkness are round about him;\*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.***
3. A fire goes before him\*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
4. ***His lightnings light up the world;\*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.***
5. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,\*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. ***The heavens declare his righteousness,\*  
And all the peoples see his glory.***
7. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!\*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
8. ***Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,\*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.***
9. For you are the Lord, most high over all earth;\*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10. The Lord loves those who hate evil;\***  
**he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them**  
**from the hand of the wicked.**

**11.** Light has sprung up for the righteous,\*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**12. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,\***  
**and give thanks to his holy Name.**

**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 Book of Revelation (22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21)**

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. *Amen.*

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn                    H518, v1&2, Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Westminster Abbey*

**1.** Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

**2.** All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:20-26)**

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn H518, v3&4, Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*Westminster Abbey*

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

**SERMON**

Reverend Hugh Chapman

**INSTALLATION OF MEMBER OF VESTRY**

*Sponsor* I present to you this person to be admitted to the ministry of Members of the Vestry  
in this congregation.

*Antiphon*

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up  
sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

V. I am your servant; grant me understanding:  
R. **That I may know your decrees.**

Let us pray

*Silence*

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage; Enlighten with grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you {N} as Member of the Vestry In this Parish and give you this pin as a token of your ministry. *Amen.*

#### **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 III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Samuel our Bishop, our Rector Hugh and all priests, and deacons.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially those who are on our sick and homebound list as well as those who are in need of prayers and healing:

**For those at Home:**

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, Sam Oliver Sr., James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevieve Vaughn, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Sam & Sharal Jugger, Allan Johnson and Fr. Terrance Rosheuvel.

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

Dwayne Simon, Dourest & Jo Ann 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 & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonias Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Canon. Nelson Pinder, Camilla Stapleton, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupre, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush, Nohemy Reid, Luann Hickman, Fred Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Leslie Warren and Cardlous Walters.

**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 and, Thandi Williams that they may be delivered from their distress.



Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs, and those of others.

*Silence*

**COLLECT FOR THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. (Page 15)**

**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.*

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

***People: And also with you.***

**THE PEACE      Peace perfect peace, in this world of sin**

*Pax Tecum*

**1. Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?**

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

**2. Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?**

To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

3. Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?

Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

4. Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?

Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

5. It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
and Jesus call to heaven's perfect peace.

**Offertory**

Organ Interlude

**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 for ever. *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      L196, v1-3, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms      Showalter**

**1** What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**2.** O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. [refrain]

**3.** What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.(Refrain)

**Refrain:**  
Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Meditation Hymn      A273, He Touched Me      HE TOUCHED ME**

**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**

**And Can It Be that I should Gain**

Sagina

1. And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

3. He left his Father's throne above —  
so free, so infinite his grace —  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!

2. 'Tis mystery all; the Immortal dies!  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds enquire no more.

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**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!**

Omar Mongerie (5/29), Linda Dilworth (6/2), Tresia Mongerie (6/3), Neil James (6/4), Kevin Satchell (6/4), Edward & Delanie Ornstein (6/1).

#### **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**

### **Living our Faith**

Friends I know how difficult it is for us practicing Christians to live our faith in 2022. The common sentiment expressed at last Wednesday evening's Bible Study was – tiredness. Yes, we acknowledged that all we are forced to contend these days, the pressures of living, the challenges of keeping our families safe and providing for their needs, not to mention the political rhetoric and the nastiness that is passing for politics these days, is simply wearing us out! And yes, there is no wilderness to escape to – nowhere to run and hide. Yet our God still calls us amidst all that we are confronted with, to still live our faith, for as we reminded each other on Wednesday, our God still reigns!

As previously indicated, I accepted an invitation from Sheriff McNeil to attend a workshop for church leaders held last Monday evening at his headquarters. The Sheriff is a person of faith and never fails to remind whoever he addresses of that fact. The purpose of the gathering was to seek support for a program he wants to introduce into the school system with the blessing of the Department of Education. He has enlisted Kez McCorvey, a former standout athlete at F.S.U. who now serves as the Multi-Area Director for the Northwest Florida Region. Kez spoke passionately of the pivotal role sports can play in the lives of young people, particularly those who suffer from a want of positive role models in their lives. Having no dad at home, his coach became his dad, and the rest is history. Kez challenged us church leaders in attendance, to take our message of hope beyond our church walls, for those whom we are trying to “save” may never darken our church doors. Kez McCorvey's organization is called – Fellowship of Christian Athletes that touches/transforms millions of lives-----one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college and high school levels to use the powerful platform of sports to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus the Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel – another important way of living our faith, Kez says.

Fr. Hugh+

## 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 Seventh week of Easter: May 30 – June 4

Mon.	Joshua 1:1-9	Psalm 89:1-18	Matt. 8:5-17
Tue.	I Sam. 16:1-13a	Psalm 97	Matt. 8:18-27
Wed.	Isa. 4:2-6	Psalm 101	Matt. 8:28-34
Thurs.	Zech. 4:1-14	Psalm 105:1-22	Matt. 9:1-8
Fri.	Jer. 31:27-34	Psalm 102	Matt. 9:9-17
Sat.	Ezek. 36:22-27	Psalm 107:33-43	Matt. 9:18-26

### Today Sunday, May 29

**LEM:** James Fort

**Crucifer:** James Fort

**Vestry:** Zollie White II

**Lectors:** Sean Warren-Bailey, Leslie Warren

Ivana Kenny Carmola

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