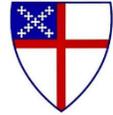


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HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Ivana Kenny Carmola

OPENING PRAYER

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn

A519, v1-2, The Family of God

Gaither

Refrain: I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the Family of God.

1. You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here,
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near;
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear. [**Refrain**]
2. From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King,
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here, but praise God I belong! [**Refrain**]

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lost not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit

A Reading from the Book of Hosea (1:2-10).

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

1. You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,* you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people* and blotted out all their sins.**
3. You have withdrawn all your fury* and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4. Restore us then, O God our Savior;* let your anger depart from us.**
5. Will you be displeased with us for ever?* will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6. Will you not give us life again,* that your people may rejoice in you?**
7. Show us your mercy, O Lord,* and grant us your salvation.
- 8. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
9. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,* that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10. Mercy and trust have met together;* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
11. Truth shall spring up from the earth,* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12. The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,* and our land will yield its increase.**
13. Righteousness shall go before him,* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**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 Paul's Epistle to the Colossians (2:6-15, [16-19])

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised

with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **A431, v1, What a Friend We Have in Jesus** Spiritual

1 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke (11:1-13)**

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and

give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

After the Gospel the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn **A431, v2-3, What a Friend We Have in Jesus** Spiritual

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there.

SERMON

Mr. J. Byron Greene

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 V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond **Lord, have mercy.***

For **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury, for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop, for **John**, our Bishop, for **Hugh**, our Rector, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially **Joseph**, our President, **Kamala** our Vice-President, **Ron** our Governor, **Al** our Congressman, and **John** our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For **St. Michael and All Angels'** congregation both present and absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially our 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 Rosheuvel.

For those in the care of the Doctor:

Andre Simon, 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 & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Kacey 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, Camilla Stapleton, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush, Nohemy Reid, Luann Hickman, Fred Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Leslie Warren, Cardlous Walters, Ashley Griffith, Veronica Alleyne, Oscar Felker and David Wiley.

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 Douglas Sampson, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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.**

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 also with you.**

THE PEACE

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark 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.

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.

Offertory

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

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 1 H323, v1-2, Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed *Jesu, Jesu, Du Mein Hirt*

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| <p>1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy Flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread;
day by day with strength supplied,
through the life of him who died.</p> | <p>2. Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies,
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be,
grafted, rooted, built in thee.</p> |
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Communion Hymn 2

H707, v1-2, Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

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| <p>1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.</p> | <p>2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use,
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.</p> |
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Meditation Hymn: H653, Dear God, Compassionate and Kind *Repton*

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 A569, v1-4, Revive Us Again *Revive Us Again*

1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, Thine the glory!
Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory!
Revive us again.

2. We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. **[Refrain]**

3. All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed ev'ry stain. **[Refrain]**

4. Revive us again— fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. **[Refrain]**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship has ended.
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!

Dourest Robinson (7/24), Sam & Sharal Jugger (7/27), Dourest & JoAnn Robinson (7/30).

Birthday Prayer

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

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

When Jesus is MIA – a former parishioner shared these controversial thoughts with me.

The religion that we grew up knowing as Christianity has morphed in something unrecognizable and untenable. While that is not true of all who call themselves Christian, it is true for perhaps the loudest and most extreme of those who use this label to cover a wide variety of fearful, hateful attitudes and behaviours and who increasingly are seen by our sensationalist media to represent the faith as a whole.

That, in turn, increasingly make folks like me, who sincerely seek to know Jesus and follow His way as best we can discern it, loathe to identify ourselves with the label Christian. I have often said about this confusion of religion with misogyny, homophobia, racism, and hostility to immigrants that whatever else it might be about, it's not about the Jesus we encounter in the gospels. I submit that in most versions of white Christian nationalism, in both its evangelical and reactionary Catholic versions, Jesus is simply MIA.

Here is an excerpt from John Pavlovitz's take on it – the link to his essay is provided below:-People have said that the MAGA Evangelical movement has highjacked Jesus, but I don't believe that's true. They have highjacked the word Christian. Jesus and what he propagated, is of no use to them. I am not sure what all this angry, chest-thumping, bullying, "don't tread on me" thing that we have come to call Christianity is, but here's what I do know.

It isn't the Gospel.

It isn't Good News for the poor and marginalized.

It isn't about the Prince of Peace.

It isn't the perfect love that casts out fear.

It isn't Jesus by any measure.

Here's what it is – a toxic cocktail of power, control, fear, nationalism, and white privilege – and it looks much more like the bloated opulence of Rome, than the early Church that resisted it.

For further reading – go online to <https://johnpavlovitz.com/2022/04/10/a-funeral-for-my-christianity-2/>

Fr. Hugh+

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right use of thy bountiful goodness through 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 Season after Pentecost: July 25 – July 30

Mon.	Joshua 24:16-33	Psalm 56, 57	Matt. 27:24-31
Tue.	Judges 2:1-5, 11-23	Psalm 61, 62	Matt. 27:32-44
Wed.	Judges 3:12-30	Psalm 72	Matt. 27:45-54
Thurs.	Judges 4:4-23	Psalm [70], 71	Matt. 27:55-66
Fri.	Judges 5:1-18	Psalm 69:1-23	Matt 5:28:1-10
Sat.	Judges 5:19-31	Psalm 75, 76	Matt. 28:11-20

Serving today:

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