

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

### INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

### OPENING PRAYER

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we beseech you to look with compassion on the nations of the Caribbean where slavery ended in 1834; strengthen the people in their struggles for emancipation from mental slavery. More especially, we pray for the island of Jamaica as they celebrate independence from British rule 60 years ago; that they may be united in bonds of love, and work through their struggles to accomplish your purposes on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Processional Hymn      **A368, v1&3, 'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus**

TRUST IN JESUS

**Refrain:**    Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
              How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
              Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
              O for grace to trust him more!

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord. **[Refrain]**

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace. **[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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Isaiah (1:1, 10-20)**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**1.** The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;\* he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**2.** *Out of Sion, perfect in its beauty;\* God reveals himself in glory.*

**3.** Our God will come and will not keep silence;\* before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

**4.** *He calls the heavens and the earth from above\* to witness the judgment of his people.*

**5.** “Gather before me my loyal followers,\* those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

**6.** *Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;\* for God himself is judge.*

**7.** Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you;\* for I am God, your God.

**8.** *I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;\* your offerings are always before me.*

**23.** Consider this well, you who forget God,\* lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

**24,** *whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;\* but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”*

**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 Epistle to the Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16)**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren – because

he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn            A412, v1, We've Come This Far By Faith            GOODSON**

**Refrain:** We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in His holy Word, He's never failed us --yet.  
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,  
We've come this far by faith.

1. Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life,  
He'll bear all your burdens, and move all misery and strife.  
That's why **[Refrain]**

#### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke (12:32-40)

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*After the Gospel the Reader says:*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn      A412, v2, We've Come this Far By Faith**

GOODSON

**Refrain:**    We've come this far by faith,  
                  Leaning on the Lord,  
                  Trusting in His holy Word,  
                  He's never failed us --yet.  
                  Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,  
                  We've come this far by faith.

2. Just the other day, I heard someone say He didn't believe in God's Word;  
But I can truly say that God had made a way, And He's never failed me yet.  
That's why **[Refrain]**

**SERMON**

**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 I**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For ***Michael*** our Presiding Bishop, ***John*** our Bishop, ***Hugh*** our Rector, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, ***Joseph, Kamala*** our Vice President, ***Rocky*** our District Superintendent of Schools, for the leaders of the nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For this city, ***Tallahassee***, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those 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, 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, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia 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, David Wiley, Julie Embleton and Fritz Roy.

**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, Douglas Sampson, [*and you may add your own petitions*].let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***



That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

***Lord, have mercy***

In the communion of ***St. Michael*** and with all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Silence*

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.**

PEACE

A377, It Is Well With My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well, It is well, with my soul, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Doxology**

**A651, 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 people sit*

**Offertory**

Organ Interlude

*The people stand*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***Eucharistic Prayer B***

*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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you, In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation; this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant, Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put

all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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**

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**

**A680, v1-3, Taste and See**

MOORE

**Refrain:** Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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| <p><b>1.</b> I will bless the Lord at all times.<br/>Praise shall always be on my lips;<br/>my soul shall glory in the Lord;<br/>for God has been so good to me. <b>[Refrain]</b></p>      | <p><b>2.</b> Glorify the Lord with me,<br/>Together let us all praise God's name.<br/>I called the Lord, who answered me;<br/>from all my troubles I was set free. <b>[Refrain]</b></p> |
| <p><b>3.</b> Worship the Lord, all you people.<br/>You'll want for nothing if you ask.<br/>Taste and see that the Lord is good;<br/>in God we need put all our trust. <b>[Refrain]</b></p> |   |

**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:**      **Special address by Kimberly Douglas**

**Recessional Hymn**                      **A161, v1-4, Old Time Religion**                      OLD TIME RELIGION

**Refrain:** Give me that old time religion,  
Give me that old time religion,  
Give me that old time religion,  
It's good enough for me.

1. It was good for Paul and Silas,  
It was good for Paul and Silas,  
It was good for Paul and Silas,  
It's good enough for me. **[Refrain]**

2. It was good for the Hebrew children,  
It was good for the Hebrew children,  
It was good for the Hebrew children,  
It's good enough for me. **[Refrain]**

3. It was good for our mothers,  
It was good for our mothers,  
It was good for our mothers,  
It's good enough for me. **[Refrain]**

4. Makes me love ev'rybody,  
Makes me love ev'rybody,  
Makes me love ev'rybody,  
It's good enough for me. **[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!**

Darren Carmola (8/8), Lenin Mongerie (8/9), Ross McMillan (8/10), Byron & Pamela Greene (8/10), David & Kate Wasson (8/12).

#### **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

### Emancipation still Coming

Our friends further to the south, especially in the English-speaking Caribbean, celebrated recently, Emancipation Day on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Freedom came to the enslaved population in the British territories on the first of August 1834. Of course those who were set "free" by an act of the British parliament due to the Abolitionist Movement that heavily influenced public opinion at the time, had to wait another four years before they were able to enjoy their newfound status. After that, many left the plantations that were their "home" for a while, and set up free villages as in the case of Guyana while others stayed on to negotiate their wages! The island of Barbados is so small (only 66 square miles) that the freed population was left little choice but to remain on the plantation grounds, while relishing their new freedom. So August 1<sup>st</sup> every year, protagonists, preachers, and politicians seize the opportunity to reflect on the "freedom message" utilizing parades, social gatherings, and church services to encourage their audiences to remain vigilant in the face of new threats to their freedom. The celebrated Reggae International star/philosopher, Bob Marley of fond memory, used his lyrics to challenge his Caribbean brothers and sisters to emancipate themselves from what he described as "mental slavery" – now that they were free from physical bondage. He was of course alluding to the efforts to control the human mind – I suppose his warning had to do with the attempts to use the tools of propaganda to influence public discourse. Another distinguished Caribbean scholar and churchman the Rev. Dr. Korthright Davis (my former professor at Codrington College) put it more succinctly in a book he wrote several years ago, warning that emancipation was still to come, seeing that the vestiges of colonialism remained evident and if anything, he saw a new brand of mind control on the horizon – meaning that the British were gone but others of such ilk were "showing up" offering all kinds of enticing schemes to the still impoverished population up and down the Caribbean. The threat still remains today as China, Japan, and Russia (some say even America) battle for influence in the Caribbean anglophone, bringing gifts of stadiums, roads, and bridges, while seeking to exploit the material resources for many of these territories that largely remain untapped.

Some among us may be tempted to ask, what has the aforesaid got to do with us here in America, seeing that we drove the British out in 1776? Well, to quote an ancient expression, we still need to be on our guard, against those bearing gifts (remember the Trojan horse) – in effect offering a more sanitized form of colonialism. We too need to remain vigilant – for if not, our God-given-freedoms can be stolen from us as the new masters take the lion's share of our patrimony, whilst leaving us to fight amongst ourselves over the jackals' pickings.

*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 us 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 the season after Pentecost: August 8 – August 13.**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Judges 12:1-7</b>	<b>Psalm 89;1-18</b>	<b>John 3:1-21</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Judges 13:1-15</b>	<b>Psalm 97, 99</b>	<b>John 3:22-36</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Judges 13:15-24</b>	<b>Psalm 101</b>	<b>John 4:1-26</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Judges 14:1-19</b>	<b>Psalm 105:1-22</b>	<b>John 4:27-42</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Judges 14:20 – 15:20</b>	<b>Psalm 102</b>	<b>John 4:43-54</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Judges 16:1-14</b>	<b>Psalm 107:33-43</b>	<b>John 5:1-18</b>

### Serving today

**Crucifer:** Collin Laurie

**LEM:** Prokop Hruda

**Gospel Book Bearer:** Laurette Scott

**Lectors:** Chenikka Usher, Leslie Warren,

**Vestry:** Zollie White II

Sean Warren

**Organist:** Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

### Provide relief and help communities recover from flooding and fires

Deadly flooding and fires in southern and western parts of the US are displacing thousands and creating a financial burden on the most vulnerable. Episcopal Relief & Development is working with church and local partners to provide help where it's needed the most. Your swift response and compassionate gift to the Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Fund will provide supplies to help communities in Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, California and other places make a full and sustained recovery. Visit [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) to make a contribution today.