

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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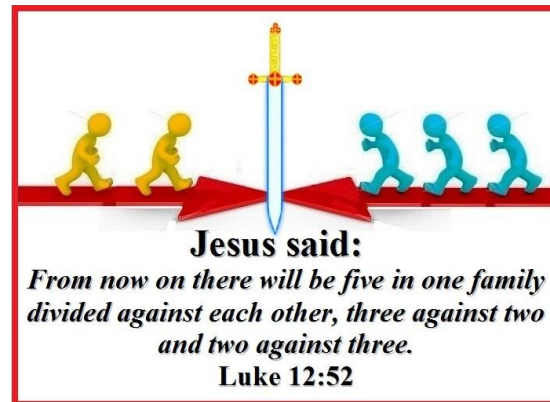
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## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

**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**

**Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided**

*Thornbury*

**1.** Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

**2.** Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
One church, one faith, one Lord.

**3.** When shadows thick were falling,  
and all seemed sunk in night,  
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,  
thy chosen sons of light.  
On them and on thy people  
thy plenteous grace was poured,  
and this was still their message:  
one church, one faith one Lord.

### **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.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to received thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LESSONS**

*The people sit*

#### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (5:1-7)**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**1.** Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;\*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubin.

**2.** *In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.*

**8.** You have brought a vine out of Egypt;\*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

**9.** *You prepared the ground for it;\*  
it took root and filled the land.*

**10.** The mountains were covered by its shadow\*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

**11.** *You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea\*  
and its branches to the River.*

**12.** Why have you broken down its wall,\*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**13.** *The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,\*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.*

**14.** Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;\*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

**15.** *They burn it with fire like rubbish;\*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.*

**16.** Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

**17.** *And so will we never turn away from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.*

**18.** Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, And ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:29 – 12:2)**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

**H677, v1&2, God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

*London New*

1. God moves in a mysterious way  
his wonders to perform:  
he plants his footsteps in the sea,  
and rides upon the storm.

2. Deep in unfathomable mines,  
with never-failing skill,  
he treasures up his bright designs,  
and works his sovereign will.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (12:49-56)

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** **H677, v3&4, God Moves in a Mysterious Way** *London New*

**3.** Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy, and shall break  
in blessings on your head.

**4.** Judge not the Lord by feeble sense  
but trust him for his grace;  
behind a frowning providence  
he hides a smiling face.

**SERMON**

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

### 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 II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop **Michael**, our Bishop **John**, our Rector **Hugh**; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers 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. Loughton 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 Jigger, Allan Johnson, and Fr. Terrance Rosheuvel.

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

Andre 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, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, 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, Cardlous Walters, Ashley Griffith, Veronica Alleyne, Oscar Felker, David Wiley, Julie Embleton, Fritz Roy and Geraldine Smith Baker.

**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, Douglas Sampson.

Pray that they may be healed and delivered from their distress.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for all life's blessings.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*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.**

Celebrant 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.**

*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    A424, v1-4, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

BRADBURY

**1.** Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

**2.** We are thine; do Thou befriend us,  
Be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Hear Thy children when they pray;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Hear Thy children when they pray.

**3.** Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.

**4.** Early let us seek Thy favor;  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast lov'd us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast lov'd us, love us still.

**Meditation Hymn    Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here**

Be Still

**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      H526, v1-5, Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing**

*Dundee*

**1.** Let saints on earth in concert sing  
with those whose work is done;  
for all the servants of our King  
in heaven and earth are one.

**2.** One family, we dwell in him  
one Church, above, beneath,  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.

**3.** One army of the living God,  
to his command we bow;  
part of the host have crossed the flood,  
and part are crossing now.

**4.** E'en now by faith we join our hands  
with those that went before,  
and greet the ever-living bands  
On the eternal shore.

**5.** Jesus, be thou our constant Guide;  
then, when the word is given,  
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,  
and bring us safe to heaven.

**DISMISSAL**

Celebrant:      Our worship has ended.

                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:                      Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Our Diocese Mourns**

The Diocese of Florida is continuing to mourn the passing of the Rt. Rev. Charles Lovett Keyser, our former serving Assisting Bishop. Bishop Keyser prior to his returning home to Florida, served as a Navy chaplain and was later appointed as Bishop to the Armed Forces (1990 – 2000). He will long be remembered for helping to establish the Wounded Warriors Program that was housed at Camp Weed. This program allowed for veterans of our recent wars to experience healing, hope and restoration for themselves and families. Bishop Keyser was laid to rest yesterday after a service at St. John's Cathedral.

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

Alexis Roberts McMillan and her committee has made available to the vestry, the proposed plan for this weeklong celebration beginning September 25 – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Bishop Howard visits for confirmation. Plans include a concert on the lawns, featuring students from FAMU and other professional musicians. A small donation will be received from those attending. Each parishioner is being asked to offer a special gift in honor of the celebration (\$1.40/children, \$14.00/teenagers, \$140 or \$1400/adults. Do bear in mind that any gift will be accepted. We are grateful to all those who have begun to send in their contributions.

## 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!**

Yolanda Bogan (8/18), Porche' Okafor (8/19), Loretta Anwuri (8/20).

### **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.**

### **Christmas Kids Camp**

The vestry has given its blessing for a Christmas Kids Camp to be held in the Fellowship Hall on the following days:- November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This idea is the brainchild of vestry person Kim Douglas. Each session will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with a \$40 fee per student. A bag lunch is required. For further information or registration forms, kindly contact the parish office.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### A Look back at Lambeth 2022

The Archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual head of the Anglican Communion, invites fellow bishops and prelates every ten years to the Lambeth Conference – to Lambeth Palace his official residence. On account of COVID, the 2018 gathering had to be canceled. This year's conference was held from July 26th – August 8th, and was attended by more than 650 bishops from 165 countries – with many of them being accompanied by their spouses (Bishop Howard did not attend).

In addition to examining liturgical practices across the Communion, these gatherings recently have devoted some of their time to discussing/debating certain social issues that previously were willfully ignored. Case in point the 1930 Lambeth Conference approved the use of artificial contraceptives by married couples. Then the 1978 conference recognized "the autonomy" of each province to make its own decision regarding the ordination of women. Indeed, prior to 1978, only Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America had ordained female clergy. Today, the ordination of women happens in most provinces across the Communion except for Nigeria and Pakistan. As the gathering drew to a close last week, Archbishop Justin Welby, offered a compromise on the divisive issue of same-sex marriage. He proposed that the Communion retain the 1998 resolution (that defines homosexual relations as inherently sinful), but take no action to punish provinces that deviated from what was promulgated (such as the Episcopal Church). To quote Justin Canterbury, "the traditional understanding of marriage is something that is understood, accepted and without question, not only by Bishops, but the entire church at large." For the minority (like TEC), he continued, "they have not arrived lightly at their ideas that the traditional teaching needs to change– they are not careless about scripture." He added, they do not reject Christ, but have come to a different view on sexuality after long prayer, deep study, and the appropriate reflection on the understanding of human nature. For them, as traditionalists, to question this teaching is "unthinkable, and in many countries, the church runs the risk of becoming a victim of derision, contempt and even attack." The Archbishop in true Anglican fashion, came down firmly on both sides of the issue. To lend credence to his utterances, Archbishop Welby took the extraordinary step of inviting married gay and lesbian bishops and their same-sex partners to Lambeth. This must have been breathtaking! As I suppose, him encouraging his fellow bishops to take risks (as Jesus did) and address forcibly, the issues of climate change, migration, poverty in the third world, pandemics, and political extremism. Said he, "whatever affects God's people in any way, must be preached from the pulpit always."

*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 15 – August 20

Mon.	Judges 17:1-13	Psalm 106:1-18	John 5:19-29
Tue.	Judges 18:1-15	Psalm (120), 121,122	John 5:30-47
Wed.	Judges 18:16-31	Psalm 119:145-176	John 6:1-15
Thurs.	Job 1:1-22	Psalm 131, 132,(133)	John 6:16-27
Fri.	Job 2:1-13	Psalm 140, 142	John 6:27-40
Sat.	Job 3:1-26	Psalm 137:1-6(7-9)	John 6:41-51

### Serving Today:

**Acolytes:** Omar Mongerie  
Sierra Mongerie

**Crucifer:** Hollis Sams

**Vestry:** Margaret Edwards

**LEM:** John Grayson

**Lectors:** Chris White, Charlie Clark  
Ivana Kenny Carmola

**Organist:** Ivana Kenny Carmola

### Mega Yard Sale

The Mega Yard Sale team of Verona Satchell, Charlie Clark, Pro Hruda, Margaret Edwards, Elizabeth Humes and Inez Brooks has planned two activities for the following dates – 08/19/22 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm and 08/20/22 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The committee only needs non-clothing items and is looking for assistance during the week of August 15<sup>th</sup> as the Fellowship Hall is prepared for the activity.