

**SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 4, 2022**

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*The People of St. Michael*

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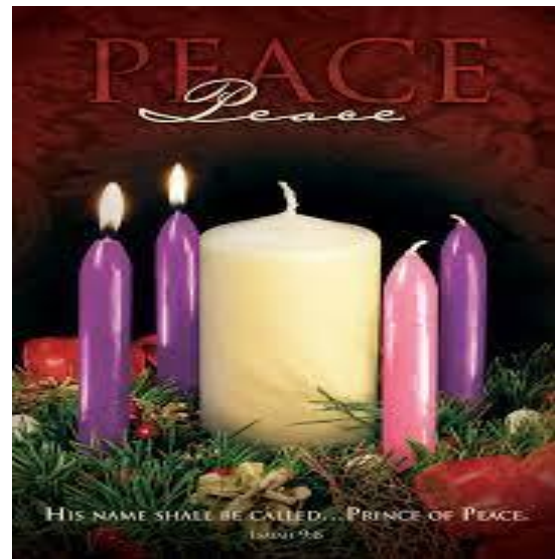
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# HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

PRELUDE

Mr. Edward Bennett

OPENING PRAYER

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop and all other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**H59, Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**

*Merton*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT OF PEACE

Narrator: An angel of the Lord appeared to simple shepherds, saying “today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.” Suddenly the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom His favor rests.”

Narrator: In gratitude for the shepherds who were the first to see the Prince of Peace, we light this candle of peace.

The announcement of His birth was not to royalty, nor to the famous, but to the simple, common people of the day. After they had seen Him lying in the manger, the shepherds told everyone they met about this Child. The bearer of peace. Hear the word of the Lord: “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace, for there is a future for the people of peace.

Narrator: For yesterday’s simple shepherds and for today’s ordinary people across the globe who welcome peace and work on its behalf, we give thanks.

## ***THE WORD OF GOD***

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Romans 15:4-13

GRADUAL HYMN **H615, v1-3, "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee** *St. Flavian*

THE HOLY GOSPEL	Matthew 3:1-12	The Reverend Hugh Chapman
SEQUENCE HYMN	<b>H615, v4-5, "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee</b>	<i>St. Flavian</i>
THE SERMON		The Reverend David Killeen
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DOXOLOGY	<b>A650, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	HATTON

*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.**

PRESENTATION HYMN	<b>H65, Prepare the way, O Zion</b>	<i>Bereden Väg För Herran</i>
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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### HOLY COMMUNION

**Special Selection – Mr. Edward Bennett**

MEDITATION HYMN	<b>H81, Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming</b>	<i>Es Ist Ein Ros</i>
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RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>H365, Come, thou almighty King</b>	<i>Moscow</i>
DISMISSAL		

**A=African American Hymnal (ivory) H=1982 Hymnal (blue)**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING**

### **For those at Home**

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie & Renee 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 & Joann Robinson, Leslie Baker, John Melville, 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 & Veronica 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, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush, Nohemy Reid, Luann Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Leslie Warren, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, David Wiley, Julie Embleton, Fritz Roy, Geraldine Smith Baker, Mark Thomas, Daniella Greenway Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Stovell, Lynn Kimmel, Brittany & Emmanuel Highley Sr., Will Baker, David Thomas and Barbara Lynn.

### **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 Robinson, 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.

### **Service of Lesson and Carols at St. John's**

Our sister church of St. John's Episcopal has extended an invitation for us to join them on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> for this annual observance. There will be a pre-service at 5:00 pm followed by the choir's presentation.

## WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

*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!** 

Karen Goodlett (12/9), Anthony Lewinson (12/9), Rosalyn Greene (12/10), Brooks Davis Duncan (12/10), Rev. Hugh & Genevieve Chapman (12/6).

### **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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Coadjutor Bishop Election Challenged**

The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Chair of our Standing Committee, has informed us that the recent election of Fr. Charlie Holt has again been challenged from clergy and lay persons from across the Diocese. The official challenge to what transpired on November 19<sup>th</sup> where Holt emerged as the winner, has been forwarded to the Presiding Bishop's Office. As a diocese we shall have to await a ruling from the Presiding Bishop if that is deemed necessary. Look out for further information.

### **Stewardship Month begins Today**

We will observe Stewardship Month here at SMAA beginning Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Do look out for your pledge cards in the mail (surface) or online. We remind you that our parish encourages us all to be good stewards in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure to the work of God's church in the world. In order for the vestry to prepare a budget for 2023, we need your pledges! As a reminder, those of us who are still to send in our contributions for 2022, please do so at your earliest convenience, before we begin our Christmas shopping in earnest.

### **Funeral Arrangements for Fred Hickman**

A memorial service will be held here at SMAA on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, when we give thanks to God for the life, work, and witness of Fred Hickman. That service will commence at 10:00 a.m., and we ask that as many of us as possible be on hand to help console Sheila (former junior warden), Mack, Gabrielle and all those who will come from near and far to celebrate Fred. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Invitation from Holy Comforter School**

Holy Comforter Episcopal School is inviting us to celebrate "Christmas in the Courtyard" on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This invitation is extended to families in the Tallahassee Community to come and enjoy some holiday cheer. The evening will feature performances from local arts groups, a Christmas concert by our HCES School of Rock band, "A Portrait of Me" Art Show by HCES students, a Midtown Reader pop up holiday book shop, cookie decorating, character meet and greets from the HCES' cast of "Frozen, JR," and a special appearance from Santa Claus!

### **Person of the year Award**

The vestry has agreed that we should revive this award and therefore ask that nominations be made by all parishioners. Please send in your nomination to the parish office.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### Letting the Spirit have its Way

I used to have a New Testament/Greek professor at Seminary, Canon Dr. Harry Sawyer, who hailed from Sierra Leone in Africa. Canon Sawyer as we fondly called him, used to like to say, "the Holy Spirit is a confusionist! Whenever He shows up, He disrupts, and as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, turns everything upside down – creating new expectations but often disappointing a lot of folks who think that they know the mind of God." This understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit of God, is there in plain sight, if we carefully read sacred scripture. In short, there is no predictability, no certainty, as to what God will do, what He wants to do in our lives and certainly in His Church. I remembered Canon Sawyer after perusing the recent communication coming from the Standing Committee of the Diocese, regarding the objection raised about the conduct of the November 19<sup>th</sup> poll held at Camp Weed. I remind you that this was the second attempt to elect a Coadjutor Bishop, and if this challenge is upheld, then we are going to have to ask ourselves, we Episcopalians in this diocese an important question – are we seeking God's will or our own? Is this about God's agenda for His church, or us trying to satisfy our own preferences disregarding what is best for the future, and the Diocese of Florida. This is no attempt to blow my own horn, but when the question was broached about a second election so quickly following the May debacle – just to remind you, the Committee of Review which advises the President Bishop, said that we improperly conducted that election, I suggested that maybe we should pause, certainly take more than two weeks to seek candidates – in fact seek the will of the Lord. I was told that we are dealing with a small window – in other words, we were out of time! My reason for suggesting a pause, was that I was sensing some unease to put it mildly, and thought perhaps we as a Diocesan family should "reason together" as Isaiah would say, come to an understanding, maybe a better appreciation of what kind of Diocese we want to be. Yes, whether we will acknowledge our brokenness, and whatever else bedevil's the "koinonia", the fellowship we ought to have as a diocesan family, perhaps acknowledge some more our diversity or lack thereof and the fact that some of us feel excluded and that such exclusion does not bode well for us working side by side for the sake of the gospel!

What has transpired, meaning the objection placed before the Standing Committee, is living testimony that the tug-o-war we have, is playing havoc with our efforts to elect/select Bishop Howard's successor. I fear that if we do not deal prayerfully and intentionally with this schism (potential) we run the risk of having the disillusioned on both sides of the divide, take their marbles and go home! Pray with me that this does not happen and in fact we will seek to discern God's will for our beloved Diocese before it is too late.

Fr. Hugh+

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

### Capital Campaign Prayer

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen.*

### Collect for the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Almighty God, Heavenly Healer, we bring to you all who are affected by our present pandemic; for the infirm and infected, the anxious and afraid. By your power defend us and heal us. Let us see one another not as vectors of infection, but as opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: Dec. 5 – Dec. 10

Mon.	Isa. 5:8-12,18-23	Psalm. 25	Luke 21:20-28
Tue.	Isa. 5:13-17,24-25	Psalm 26, 28	Luke 21:29-38
Wed.	Isa. 6:1-13	Psalm 38	John 7:53 – 8:11
Thurs.	Isa. 7:1-9	Psalm 37:1-18	Luke 22:1-13
Fri.	Isa. 7:10-25	Psalm 31	Luke 22:14-30
Sat.	Isa. 8:1-15	Psalm 30, 32	Luke 22:31-38

### Serving today, Sunday December 4

**Acolytes:**

**LEM:** Prokop Hruda

**Crucifer/MC:** James Fort

**Lectors:** Alexis McMillan, Charlie Clark,

**Vestry:** Zollie White II

Prokop Hruda

Organist: Ivana Kenny Carmola