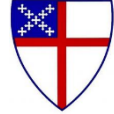


SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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LITURGY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Roger Ponder

CHORAL PRELUDE

H56, O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

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.

LIGHTING OF CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH:

LIGHT OF LOVE

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him. The Son of the Most High was born in the humble surroundings of a stable, because there was no room in the inn.

In gratitude for the one who found room in his stable, and for all who have room in their hearts for the Savior, we light this candle of love. Hear the word of the Lord: "I have loved you with an everlasting love. My command is this: Love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself."

For the one who opened the stable doors of yesterday, and for those who open their hearts today to the love of God, we give thanks.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem where we behold the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our turning away from him until the time of our redemption in the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, born a child, living among us, and dying to set us free. Let us give thanks for the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, we pray for the needs of all people, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he gives his life, even now here in this country, in this city, and in this congregation.

And because he loves us so much, let us remember in his name the poor, the helpless, those this day who are cold and hungry, the oppressed, the sick, those who mourn, those who are alone, the aged, little children, and all people who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his mother, Mary, and Joseph journeying on the road to Bethlehem, persons chosen to bear the life of Christ into the world, to raise him up in the ways of goodness and right, and the whole multitude of persons which no one can number, whose hope remains in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, summing up these petitions, let us pray in the words which our Lord Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thine 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

May God the Father bless us with his grace, find us receptive to goodness and mercy in his Son our Lord, and bring us all in the power of his Holy Spirit to the joy of his everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP. Pg.323

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COLLECT OF THE DAY Insert

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:4b-9 and 15-25

(God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.)

Silence to be observed

H416, v1&4, For the beauty of the Earth

Dix

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

(God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.)

Silence to be observed

H76, v1-3, On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester

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THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 7:10-15 <i>(God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us")</i> Silence to be observed H401, v1&5, The God of Abraham praise	<i>arr by Hugh Livingston</i>
FOURTH LESSON	Micah 5:2-4 <i>(The one who is to rule Israel will be born in Bethlehem)</i> Silence to be observed A217, v1-4, Jesus, The Light of the World	WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT
FIFTH LESSON	Zephaniah 3:14-18 <i>(The Lord will be among us, we are summoned to rejoice and sing.)</i> Silence to be observed H66, Come, thou long expected Jesus	<i>Stuttgart</i>
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 1:5-25 <i>(An Angel tells Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, will bear a son.)</i> Silence to be observed L2, Behold Your God	<i>Louis</i>
HOLY GOSPEL	Matthew 1:18-25	The Reverend Hugh Chapman
SPECIAL ADDRESS/THE SERMON		Ms. Kimberly Douglas
THE NICENE CREED		BCP Pg. 326
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION		330-332
THE PEACE	A498, Let There Be Peace on Earth	MILLER
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	A650, Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow	OLD 100TH
	<i>Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said</i>	
	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	H616,v1-3, Hail to the Lord's Anointed	<i>Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein</i>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 1	H336 v1-3, Come with us, O blessed Jesus	<i>Werde munter</i>
COMMUNION HYMN 2	H338, Wherefore, O Father	<i>Lobet den Herren</i>
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP Pg. 339
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	L14 v1-4, Soon and Very Soon	Crouch
DISMISSAL		

A=African American Hymnal (Ivory)

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

L=Life Every Voice & Sing (black, green, red)

Stewardship Month Concludes

We are concluding Stewardship Month here at SMAA this Sunday December 18th. We hope you received your pledge cards online or in the post. 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.

Special Welcome to guest Organist

On behalf of our wardens, vestry and church family, we say a special welcome today to Roger Ponder from our neighboring parish of St. John's. Roger was happy to join us and recounts his great friendship with Joe Wiley.

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!



Birthday Prayer

Joseph Sams (12/18), Prokop Hruda (12/21), Pennela Chapman (12/23), Natalie Payne (12/24), David & Anne Powell (12/22), James & Pamela Fort (12/23).

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

Bishop Coadjutor Update

The Standing Committee has issued a response to the objection raised by clergy and lay persons to the election held on November 19th. This last piece of correspondence has been circulated across the Diocese. The response to the objection now before the Presiding Bishop Most Rev. Michael Curry, will have to await the opinion of the Committee of Review. As indicated before, when that process is complete, Fr. Charlie Holt's candidacy will have to be approved by Standing Committees across the Episcopal Church and then finally by the House of Bishops.

Advent /Christmas Schedule

Tuesday 20th	Contemplative Eucharist – 12:15 pm
Thursday 22nd	Contemplative Eucharist – 12:15 pm
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve – Carol Singing at 7:30 pm followed by the mass at 8:00 pm.
Sunday 25th	Christmas Day – Sung Eucharist at 10:00 am.

Christmas Kids Camp

This fun activity will continue every Saturday in our Fellowship Hall until Christmas Eve beginning at 10:00 a.m. We are truly grateful to Kimberly Douglas and her volunteers for hosting this program directed at the children of our community.

Golden Opportunity

Dr. Neil James is sharing with us that the Goldman Sachs Africa & Caribbean Recruiting Initiative is now open for 2023 applications. Goldman Sachs is seeking the best and brightest STEM students from Africa and the Caribbean (know anyone?), to apply to this flagship program. Successful candidates will join us as Goldman Sachs Engineering summer analyst interns next June in our London and Birmingham offices. Apply to join our ambitious teams and build experience working with our diverse network of colleagues globally. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is seeking to develop themselves professionally within the financial services sector who has a passion for tech, and who wants to make a real impact!

The deadline to apply is December 30th. To learn more and apply for this initiative visit <https://www.goldmansachs.com/careers/students/programs/emea/africa-recruiting-programme.html>.

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: December 19 – December 24

Mon.	Isa. 11:1-9	Psalm.61, 62	John 5:30-47
Tue.	Isa.11:10-16	Psalm 66, 67	Luke 1:5-25
Wed.	Isa. 28:9-22	Psalm 72	Luke 1:26-38
Thurs.	Isa. 29:13-24	Psalm 80	Luke 1:39-48a(48b-56)
Fri.	Isa.33:17-22	Psalm 93, 96	Luke 1:57-66
Sat.	Isa. 35:1-10	Psalm 45, 46	Luke 1:67-80

Serving today, Sunday December 18

Crucifer: Camille Usher

LEM: Byron Greene

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: James Fort

Lectors: Chenikka Usher, Alexis McMillan,

Vestry:-Margaret Edwards

Leslie Baker, James Fort, Pamela Greene,

Organist: Roger Ponder

Byron Greene, Chioma Onyeozili

Soloist: Eugenia Chapman B.A. (summa cum lude)

Our Condolences

We are offering condolences to DL LaSeur-Helfand and family as they continue to mourn Mary Faust Barrett who departed this life recently. DL traveled to North Georgia to be with Mary and stayed right up to the end. Also we are consoling Delois and JD Brown as they mourn the loss of Betty Smith (Delois's oldest sister). At this time we ask that you keep both of their families in your prayers. May Mary and Betty rest in peace and rise in glory.