

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

December 24, 2022

8:00 PM

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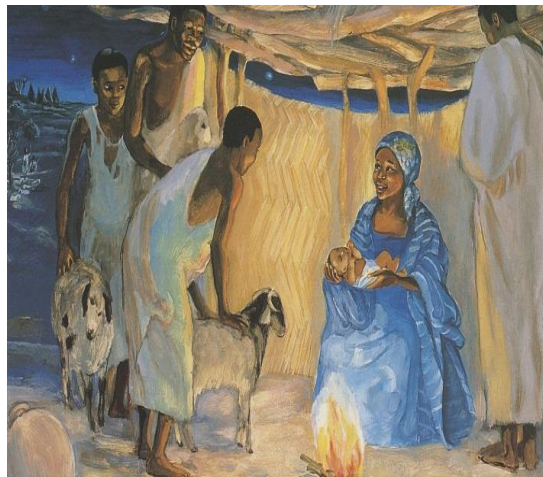
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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Choral Prelude – Carols to begin at 7:30 pm

H91, Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light	<i>JS Bach</i>
H79, O little town of Bethlehem	<i>St. Louis</i>
H82, Of the Father's love begotten	<i>Divinum mysterium</i>
H102, Once in Royal David's City	<i>Irby</i>
H109, The first Nowell	<i>The First Nowell</i>

Acolytes light the middle candle, the church lights are lowered more, and the acolytes will take the light from the Christ candle and light the candle of the persons closest to center aisle, who will then pass the light to people in their pew row.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

In gratitude for the One announced by the light of stars and angels, we light the Christ candle. Hear the word of the Lord: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." For the Light of Christ that shines in the darkness for all people in all times, we give thanks.

Go now and share the good news of the gospel of peace: I have come to comfort those who mourn, to give them joy instead of sorrow, hope instead of despair. My unfailing love will not be shaken; my promise of peace stands forever. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.

For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," has made His light shine in your hearts. No one lights a lamp and hides it. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. In the same way, let your light shine. You are the light of the world. Go now as children of light.

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Debralee LaSeur Helfand

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 H83, O come All Ye Faithful *Adeste fideles*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP Pg. **355**

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COLLECT FOR THE DAY Insert

GLORIA L243, **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah** Haywood

THE LESSONS (*Congregation is seated*)

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

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.

Titus 2:11-14

GRADUAL HYMN H96 v 1-2, **Angels we have heard on high** *Gloria*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14 The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN H96, v 3-4, **Angels we have heard on high** *Gloria*

THE SERMON The Reverend Hugh Chapman

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THE PEACE H111, **Silent Night** *Stille Nacht*

OFFERTORY SELECTION Organ Interlude

DOXOLOGY &

PROCESSION H380, v 3 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow** *Old 100th*

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.

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!



Natalie Payne (12/24).

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.*

Bishop Howard to Visit

Bishop Howard has informed the rector that he will be visiting with us here at SMAA on Sunday January 29th for the Confirmation and Reaffirmation exercises. Let us keep in prayer those to be presented: Omar & Sierra Mongerie and Sean Warren (confirmands) and Leslie Warren and Eugene & Rose Wesley (being reaffirmed).

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, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, Fritz Roy, Mark Thomas, Daniella Greenway Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Stovell, Lynn Kimmel, Will Baker, David Thomas, Barbara Lynn and Lee Scott.

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.

Betty's Funeral Arrangements

Delois Brown's sister Betty Smith will be laid to rest next Wednesday (December 28th) after funeral services in Jamaica, New York. Do pray for the family as they prepare to travel.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Our World is still Waiting –

The angelic choir sang – peace on earth and good will to all men, just over two thousand years ago. And here we are on the eve of another celebration of our Lord's Nativity, indeed the story of his birth, and our world still waits the fulfilment of that chorus line! It would seem that there is always war somewhere in the world if you take the time to follow the news. The war in Ukraine just drags on and on with casualties being reported almost on a daily basis. In fact the conflict took an ugly turn when the Russian government decided to target power stations across Ukraine plunging many into darkness in the midst of winter!!! If that is not a war crime, I don't know what is. Elsewhere there are conflicts across Africa and the Middle East that the major networks do not report on anymore.

The truth is war is unacceptable for it robs others of their peace of mind and children of their innocence. Our womenfolk suffer the indignity of being raped by enemy soldiers – another weapon of war that is perpetrated on the defenseless. To the credit of our nation, we sought to support the Ukrainian people by supplying them with modern weaponry, financial and other services. My prayer this Christmas is, that our government will use its influence to bring those warring parties to the "peace table" – for yes diplomacy and dialogue still works if we give both a chance. So let us hear the angels sing again and express that hope the world longs for -peace on earth and goodwill among men/women. For indeed our world is still waiting.

Bishop cancels Convention

Bishop Howard has officially informed the Diocese, that after consultation with Presiding Bishop, the Chancellor, Standing Committee, and other diocesan leaders, he is canceling the upcoming diocesan convention that was scheduled for next month. Our canons/regulations require that parochial elections be held eighteen (18) days after the convention has concluded. We do have an option as a parish, in that we suspend our AGM until the new date of convention is provided and if there is anyone not wishing to continue to serve on vestry, then a local decision can be made about replacing such a person(s). The Bishop thought that in light of the second attempt to elect the Bishop Coadjutor being referred to the Presiding Bishop's Office, it would be prudent to perhaps await the outcome of the process now in motion regarding Fr. Charlie Holt's candidacy. Do pray for our Diocese.

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 Christmas: Dec. 19 – Dec. 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 tonight, Saturday December 24

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Collin Laurie

LEM: Prokop Hruda

Crucifer: Prokop Hruda

Lectors: Neil James, Collin Laurie,

Vestry: Shaun Laurie

Margaret Edwards

Organist: Debralee LaSeur Helfand