SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

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HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Debralee LaSeur-Helfand

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Processional Hymn	A207, Angels from the Realm of	Glory REGENT SQUARE	
THE WORD OF GOD			
OPENING ACCLAMATION		355	
Kyries			
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY		INSERT	
GLORIA	L243	Haywood	
THE LESSONS [Congregation is seated]			
	Isaiah 62:6-12		
	Psalm 97		
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. <i>Amen.</i>			
	Titus 3:4-7		
GRADUAL HYMN	A202, v1&2, Go tell it on the mo	untain Spiritual	
THE HOLY GOSPEL	Luke 2:[1-7], 8-20	The Reverend Hugh Chapman	
SEQUENCE HYMN	A202, v3, Go tell it on the mou	ntain Spiritual	
THE SERMON		The Reverend Hugh Chapman	
The Nicene Creed		358	
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE III 3			
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION 360			
THE PEACE	H712, Dona nobis pacem	Dona nobis pacem	

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C		BCP Pg. 369
Sanctus		371
THE LORD'S PRAYER		364
THE BREAKING OF THE BRI	EAD	
Agnus Dei		
THE INVITATION		
	HOLY COMMUNION	
COMMUNION HYMN	A212, Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow	Spiritual
MEDITATION HYMN	Solo	
Post Communion Prayer 365		
BENEDICTION		
Announcement S		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	A197, Joy to the World	Antich
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 Jugger, 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, Pamelia 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.

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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!

Verona Satchell (12/25), Zollie White III (12/27), Charles Hruda (12/29), Ivana Kenny Carmola (12/30), Laureatte Scott (12/31), Anna White (12/31).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postponement of Annual General Meeting

With Bishop Howard deciding that Diocesan Convention scheduled for next month will no longer be held (perhaps at a later date), then Annual General Meetings across the Diocese will also be delayed. If for any reason current vestry members do not wish to continue serving, then local arrangements can be made to have them replaced. Those desirous of continuing to serve will be allowed to so do.

Bible Class on Recess/Weekday Services

The Bible Class will have a brief recess this week and will not meet on Wednesday. However masses will be said on both Tuesday and Thursday of this week at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Derek Spencer Hospitalized

Dr. Derek Spencer who has been on our prayer list for some time now, is hospitalized in Atlanta. Do keep him in prayer, as well as his family.

Special Prayers being Sought

David Thomas, the son of David and Leah Wiley, will undergo bone marrow transplant next month at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. For four months, in her absence, the Executive Committee of CAJM hired Russell Williams former lead organizer of the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. Do keep David Thomas in your prayers.

Return of Pledge Forms

A receptacle site in the vestibule of the church where you can place your pledge forms. Laureatte Scott will be assisting those who wish to do so online. Also if you have not yet turned in your contributions for 2022, we ask that you do before the year comes to an end.

The Pessah Family Seeks our Prayers

Mother Beth Pessah of Holy Comforter Church flew to Canada to be with her mother who fell recently and also has contracted COVID - she is 95 years old!! Fr. Steve Pessah (Beth's husband) of Monticello, plans to join the family after the Christmas Day celebrations.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Christmas: Not a Day but a Season

I read a story by an Episcopal priest who serves in New York City, in which he talked about walking from his apartment in Greenwich Village to his parish near Midtown Manhattan. It was Christmas morning, and his service was at 11:00 a.m. At about 9:30, as he neared his church, he walked past an apartment building and noticed tat someone had thrown a Christmas tree away! Yes 9:30 on Christmas morning and someone had already removed all the lights, taken down the ornaments, removed the stand and had placed the tree outside to be disposed of! How sad is that beloved? 9:30 on Christmas morning and the celebration is over. There's New Year's Eve and it is only a week away and "I've got a party to plan." Why is this happening? No mystery here, for this "Christmas Season" begins as soon as the stores begin taking down their Halloween displays. No later than October we start to hear familiar carols over the PA systems and seeing commercials on TV with references to Santa, reindeers and of course gift giving. By the time Thanksgiving arrives, there is a full-scale shopping frenzy in the make. And-if you don't have your Christmas party on the calendar by December 10th, everybody thinks something is wrong with you. By mid-December we are completely inundated with details of Christmas perceived from commercials. America with its demand for bigger and better presents, and soon, we are burned out before Christmas actually gets here! If we ever needed a counter-cultural message from the Church, it is now!

What is our message? Very simple, Christmas is *not* a day, certainly not a day that ends as soon as the wrapping paper is gathered from under the tree and bagged. No! Christmas is not a day – it is a Season! And yes, it does not begin in October, it begins after sundown on Christmas Eve. The Season of Advent would have helped us by reminding believers everywhere to be ready and to wait for the coming Messiah, the Savior of the world. So we cannot just toss out the season after this service and begin getting ready for the new year. Instead, we need to celebrate the Christ coming among us again and truly consider what this all means for us Christians. The church gives us twelve (12) days – from now until the Epiphany -during which we are called to contemplate again what the birth of Jesus – the Christ – means for us. Can we do that beloved? A Happy and Holy Christmas to you and all your loved ones.

Fr. Hugh+

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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. 26 – Dec. 31

Zech. 2:10-13	Psalm 2, 85	John 3:31-36
lsa. 12:1-6	Psalm.18:1-20	John 7:37-52
lsa. 25:1-9	Psalm. 20, 21:1-7(8-14)	John 7:53 – 8:11
lsa. 26:1-9	Psalm. 46, 48	John 8:12-19
lsa. 65:15b-25	Psalm. 90	Rev. 21:1-6
Gen. 17:1-12a, 15-16	Psalm. 103	John 16:23b-30

Serving	today,	Sunday	December	25

Acolytes:	LEM:
Crucifer:	Lectors: Charlie Clark, Angela Bruton
Vestry:	
	Organist: Debralee LaSeur-Helfand