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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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10:00 a.m.



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HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Monique Alleyne

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A174, We Have Come Into This House

WORSHIP HIM

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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GLORIA

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Glory 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.

Acts 10:34-43

GRADUAL HYMN

A675, v 1-3, Take Me To the Water

Spiritual

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

A675, 4-6, Take Me To the Water

Spiritual

THE SERMON

Mr. J. Byron Greene

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THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Lord

Nolan

May the peace of the Lord bring: Joy, Love, Comfort, Hope, Rest, Life.

May the peace of the Lord surround you. May the peace of the Lord go with you.

Amen.

OFFERTORY **A491, Center of My Joy** **SMALLWOOD**
DOXOLOGY &
PROCESSION **L56, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** **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.

Congregation is seated

PRESENTATION HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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RECESSIONAL HYMN **A400, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** **ASSAM**
DISMISSAL

A=African American Hymnal (ivory)

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, 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.

Dr. Elsie Crowell Passes

We are continuing to mourn the passing of Dr. Elsie Crowell. Her death has come as a complete surprise to many of us. Ms. Elsie and I bonded after James's demise almost four years ago. Please continue to keep in prayer her immediate family and all those who will mourn her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Fr. Hugh+

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! 

Kevin Williams (1/9).

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.*

Pray for Wiley Family

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Howard to Visit

Bishop Howard will be with us for the rites of Confirmation and Reaffirmation on Sunday January 29th. Seeing that this may be possibly the last visit of the Bishop (he retires in October) .It has been suggested that the vestry host a reception following the Eucharist. The families of the confirmands and those to be reaffirmed have already been put on notice. Additionally the offer is being made to the entire parish to take advantage of the Bishop's visit by seeking to be reaffirmed.

Bishop Coadjutor Update

As indicated previously, the matter concerning the disputed election held back in November, is now before the Presiding Bishop's Committee of Review. As the Diocese awaits their decision, we are being asked to remain in prayer.

A Revival Service this Month

We are exploring the possibility of having a revival styled service on January 22nd. The intention is to make a liturgical change to the regular order of the service i.e. hymns will be different and the focus of the service will be renewal/revival. A special preacher hopefully will join us for the occasion. The prayers of the parish is being sought. Do invite all of your friends and families to join us on that day.

Postponement of Annual General Meeting

On account of Bishop Howard's deciding to cancel Diocesan Convention, we have to delay our AGM. However the Bishop has suggested that parish meetings still be held so that those wishing not to continue serving on vestry, be allowed to roll off. The vestry will shortly decide on a date and the parish will be duly informed.

Dourest doing Better

JoAnn Robinson is reporting that our brother Dourest is doing better and hopefully he will be discharged from hospital soon. Please continue to keep them both in prayer.

Stacey Tinner doing Rehab

Our brother Stacey Tinner who has been unwell, continues to recover in Virginia Beach, Virginia and is now residing with his daughter Danita Pierce (4687 Rosecrosst St, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464). She can be reached at tel. #757-305-7494.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Looking back on the Feast of the Epiphany

On Friday last, Catholics and Episcopalians everywhere celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, our Lord's manifestation to the Gentiles. This celebration which originated in the East, dates back to the 3rd century, and was held in honor of Jesus' baptism. Indeed it was ranked with Easter and Pentecost as one of the three principal festivals of the Church. One of its main features in the East was the solemn blessing of water. This celebration was introduced into the Western Church but instead became associated with the manifestation of the Christ to the Gentiles – i.e. the visit of the Magi – the wise men from the East. In 1955 both the Octave and Vigil of the Epiphany were abolished, but the Sunday after Epiphany was made a separate feast of Jesus' Baptism. In the United Kingdom, the Sovereign makes offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh in the Chapel Royal on the day of the feast.

In the midst of Life

I sometimes long for the 1928 Prayer Book, because of the Elizabethan language that permeates it – like music to the ear! This line from the burial service – in the midst of life we are in death – proclaims a timeless truth, indeed a somber reminder of the frailty of our human nature – yes death comes suddenly upon us, as I suppose it did upon Dr. Elsie Crowell. As I have indicated elsewhere, Elsie and I spoke not so long ago and planned on having a chicken dinner from Popeyes – it was not to be. Like me, Charlie Clark was in a state of shock when he heard of Elsie's passing, for the two of them, chatted on the breezeway just recently! To be truthful, I am still reeling from Elsie's death, so I could well imagine her family. Please do keep the Crowell family in your prayers as they deal with their unexpected loss. May Elsie rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Moment of Celebration

I joined with Henry and Porche' Okafor on Thursday last for the naming ceremony of their newborn – Kobimdi Alexander (Kobi). It was a joyous occasion with family joining them by zoom from Nigeria, London, Canada and across the United States. It was good to see Henry's mom and his relatives as they shared the joy of his first born! Prayers were said in both English and the Ibo language. Do keep Henry, Porche' and Kobi in your prayers.

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 First Sunday after the Epiphany: Jan 9 – Jan. 14

Mon.	Gen. 2:4-9(10-15)16:25	Psalm 1, 2, 3	John 1:1-18
Tue.	Gen. 3:1-24	Psalm 5, 6	John 1:19-28
Wed.	Gen. 4:1-16	Psalm 119:1-24	John 1:(29-34)35-42
Thurs.	Gen. 4:17-26	Psalm 18:1-20	John 1:43-51
Fri.	Gen. 6:1-8	Psalm 16, 17	John 2:1-12
Sat.	Gen. 6:9-22	Psalm 20	John 12:32-48

Serving today, Sunday January 8

Acolytes: Joseph Sams, Hollis Sams

LEM: Alexis Roberts McMillan

Crucifer: James Fort

Lectors: Alexis Roberts McMillan,

MC: Collin Laurie

Leslie Warren, Charlie Clark

Vestry: Margaret Edwards

Organist: Monique Alleyne

Return of Pledge Forms

The vestry awaits the return of your pledge cards. A receptacle sits in the vestibule of the church where you can place them. Laureatte Scott will be waiting on those who wish to do so online.