

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Fifth Sunday In Lent
March 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



The Death of Lazarus

MORNING PRAYER – RITE ONE

OFFICIANT		Mr. James Fort
INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE		Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola
OPENING PRAYER		BCP pg. 38
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <i>1 John 1:8, 9.</i>		
PROCESSIONAL HYMN	L28, Down at the Cross	Hoffman/Stockton
CONFESSION OF SIN		pg. 41
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (<i>all stand</i>)		pg. 42
JUBILATE	Psalm 100	pg. 45
	Psalm 130 (chanted)	Insert
THE LESSONS (<i>congregation is seated</i>)		
	Ezekiel 37:1-14	
CANTICLE – INVOCATION		pg. 47
	Romans 8:6-11	
CANTICLE – A SONG OF PRAISE		pg. 49
HYMN	H149, Eternal Lord of love	<i>Old 124th</i>
THE APOSTLES' CREED		pg. 53
THE HOMILY		Mr. J. Byron Greene
THE PRAYERS		pg. 54
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY		Insert
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PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL OF LIFE, PEACE AND GRACE		pgs. 56-57

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Prayer after the Act of Penitence Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

THE PEACE **L249, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord** Whelpton

Hear our Prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

DOXOLOGY AND PROCESSION **L53, Expression of Life** Hughes/White

Presentation of the offering – prayer to be said Officiant

Father, we thank you for the manifold gifts that you so freely bestow upon our lives and your church in the world. We ask that you bless these offerings presented before you, bless those who gave and those who wanted. Bless those who are at home or traveling. May we always do what is pleasing in your sight through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN **L31, Lead Me to Calvary** Kirkpatrick

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

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

Deacon Rachel Says Thanks

Deacon Rachel Hill of Grace Mission conveyed her thanks to the rector for the sumptuous meal that SMAA and the Union of Black Episcopalians provided last Sunday for those who attended worship.

Dr. Spencer Slowly Progressing

We continue to receive encouraging reports about Dr. Derek's condition. He remains in the care of his daughter Sarah in Atlanta.

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 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, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton and Ellie Potter.

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.

SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYER

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.*

Parish Meeting being Planned

As we have indicated previously, our vestry has decided to go ahead and host a parish meeting on April 23, 2023. We invite all of our parish organizations to submit their plans/budgets to the clerk of vestry no later than April 15, 2023.

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.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Harlem Wilson (3/26), Sean Warren-Bailey (3/30), Candice Billups (4/1).

Serving today, Sunday, March 26

Lectors: Ms. Margaret Edwards
Mrs. Pamela Greene
Ms. Leslie Warren

Crucifer: Mr. Hollis Sams
Organist: Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola
Vestry: Mrs. Linda Billups

Altar Guild: Dr. Edith Onyeozili

Suggested daily Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent: Mar. 27 – Apr. 1

Mon.	Jer. 24:1-10	Psalm. 31	John 9:1-17
Tue.	Jer. 25:8-17	Psalm. {120}, 121	John 9:18-41
Wed.	Jer. 25:30-38	Psalm. 119:145-176	John 10:1-18
Thurs.	Jer. 26:1-16	Psalm. 131, 132	John 10:19-42
Fri.	Jer. 29:1,4-13	Psalm. 95, 22	John 11:1-27
Sat.	Jer.31:27-34	Psalm.137:1-6(7-9)	John 11:28-44

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Wednesday Evening Gatherings

We have had four presentations so far by Dr. Rose Campbell Wesley, Dr. Neil James, Ms. Chenikka Usher, and Mr. J. Byron Greene. Again we shall gather in person preceded by light refreshments (at 6:00 pm) in the Fellowship Hall. Please make a special effort to be present for the remaining sessions. Our theme this year is: "Renew a right spirit within Me". Our remaining speakers are Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan (March 29) and Mr. James Fort (April 5). Catch us by zoom as well.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6671430485?pwd=NmF5b1ZpTURTYi84amp2UDQ2cTNMdz09>

Meeting ID:667 143 0485

Passcode: 118512

1 DAY AWAY

The Nehemiah Action Assembly is now just 1 day away (March 27th)! CAJM's research teams are continuing to meet with our City Commissioners, Chief Revell (TPD) and Sheriff McNeil to decide on the questions that will be put before the assembly regarding Gun Violence, Affordable Housing and Civil Citations. Help CAJM to make a last-minute effort to turn out one thousand persons (1000) on Monday night at the Old West Florida Enrichment Center, 2344 Lake Bradford Rd. 32310. We begin at 6:30 pm and we still need volunteers from all of our participating congregations. Remember SMAA has pledged to turn out forty (40) persons that evening.

Update on the Co-adjutor Bishop Process

As far as we are aware, the package put together by the Standing Committee should now be receiving the full attention of designated officials from across the National Church. We await their decision making. In the meanwhile do keep Fr. Charlie Holt, his family and indeed our entire diocesan family in prayer.

Table of Kindness

The Church of God in Christ presents – Table of Kindness – an activity being held in observance of Family Members who were victims of Gun Violence.

When: Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Where: Governor's Club – 202 S. Adams St. Tallahassee.

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm. Guest Speaker: Sheriff Walter McNeil

Contact Person: Dr. Agartha Gilmore – 850-445-7082.

Special Invitation

The Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra will present a special concert this Sunday at Lee Hall on the campus of Florida A&M University at 4:00 p.m. It will feature a new piece of music that commemorates the 1956 Tallahassee Bus Boycott, composed by Joel Thompson, whose work *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed* the TSO was privileged to present in 2019.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Standing in the Gap

The dramatic rescue of the Hebrew slaves at the Red Sea (Exodus 14 ff) epitomizes what we often describe as divine intervention. The biblical writer(s) captured the terror that engulfed the fleeing children of Israel – before them was the Red Sea (or Reed Sea) and behind them was Pharaoh's chariots and horsemen in full stride. We know that story so well – the Israelites blamed Moses for what was about to befall them – “what have you done to us? You should have left us alone to serve the Egyptians!” To which Moses responded, “Do not be afraid, stand firm and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today.” God himself intervened to rescue His people – indeed His divine presence was symbolized by both the “angel of God” and the “pillar of cloud”, the one going before and the other right behind, so there was God being for them, a protective shield. Then the writer says, Moses stood with his arms extended in the form of a cross, foreshadowing the salvation that was to be wrought on behalf of all mankind, when Jesus extended his arms on Calvary's Cross, much later on. It is not sacrilegious to suggest that we, mere mortals, should sometimes have to stand in the gap for others, lest they be crushed by forces ready to annihilate them. Tomorrow (March 27th), The Capital Area Justice Ministry will challenge all attending the Nehemiah Assembly to do the same for those whose lives have been upended by gun violence, unaffordable housing and a system that allows often silly and precocious behavior, to result in unnecessary misdemeanor charges for our teenagers. So let us go stand in the gap for the most vulnerable in our midst.

Appeal on behalf of Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild does exemplary work always. Much of what they do is hidden from our view, simply because it is all preparatory. So they prepare the altar for worship and decorate as well as at their expense!! They do all of this and more without complaining, recognizing that this is God's special call upon their lives. We as a parish need to show greater appreciation for their ministry. It was suggested that one way of doing so in a tangible way, is for all of us consider making a donation to the guild through a “Flower Fund”. So when we are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions in our lives, let us make special donations as a way of encouraging these wonderful women of God – helping them fulfil their ministry to us as a parish.

Stations of the Cross

This devotional service will be held throughout the entire duration of the Lenten Season, at 6:30 pm every Friday evening. We urge you to make this also a part of your Lenten discipline.

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 our newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please add your email address also.*

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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.