

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



EASTER SUNDAY
April 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



HE IS RISEN!

SOLEMN HIGH MASS
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO
CELEBRANT – THE REV. HUGH CHAPMAN

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE **The Angel Rolled the Stone Away** Spiritual

OPENING PRAYER

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Musical Interlude as the sacred party makes its way to the altar.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People Thanks be to God.

The sacred party, choir and congregation go in procession around the church.

Processional Hymn **A282, Christ the Lord is Risen Today** EASTER HYMN

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| 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia! | 3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him riser, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! |
| 2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! | 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! |

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says,

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA **L243 Glory, Glory Hallelujah (led by Choir)** Haywood

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Choir will sing in Anglican Chant



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
— in the tents of the righteous:
- †16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
— he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Reading from the Epistle to the Colossians (3:1-4)

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **A283 v1&2, Christ Arose**

Lowry

REFRAIN: Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er the foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign;
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord! **REFRAIN**

2. Vainly they watched His bed, Jesus, my Savior!

Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord! **REFRAIN**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John (20:1-18)**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go

to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel the Reader says,

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

A283 v3, Christ Rose

Lowry

3. Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! **REFRAIN**

SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again .He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop **Michael**, our Bishop **John**, our Rector **Hugh**; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially our sick and homebound, as well as those who need prayers 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, **Liv** 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, **Pamelia** Harris Williams, **Klcey** Scott, **Erica** Scott, **Renrick and 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.

Pray that they may be healed and delivered from their distress.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those celebrating a birthday this week, especially Tyler Sams.

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.

I ask your thanksgiving for all life's blessings.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE PEACE

A166, In His Presence

Tumney

1. In His presence there is comfort;
In His presence there is peace.
When we seek the Father's heart
we will find such blessed assurance
In the presence of the Lord.

2. In Your presence there is comfort;
In Your presence there is peace.
When we seek to know Your heart
we will find such blessed assurance
In Your holy presence, Lord.

Offertory

A118, Hallelujah, Amen

Williams

Doxology **A276, v1&2, I Know That My Redeemer Lives** DUKE STREET

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; 2. He lives, to bless me with His love;
What joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, my everlasting Head! He lives, to help in time of need.

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 **A277, v1&2, The Strife is O'er** VICTORY

Choir sings the verses; congregation joins in on the Refrain

REFRAIN: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; 2. Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst;
Now is the Victor's triumph won; and Jesus has His foes dispersed;
Now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia! Let shouts of praise and joy out burst: Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A (remain standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS **L252, Holy, Holy, Holy** McLin
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L264, The Lord's Prayer led by choir

Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

L268, Christ our Passover led by choir

McLin

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by Faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn I A281, v1-3, Because He Lives RESSURECTION

REFRAIN: Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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| <p>1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove
my Savior lives.</p> <p>3. And the one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's pride, and joy He gives;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.</p> | <p>2. How sweet to hold a new born baby,
And feel the pride, and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because
He lives</p> |
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Communion Hymn 2 A275, He Lives ACKLEY

Meditation Hymn A636, The Lord Bless You/Sevenfold Amen BENEDICTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn A280, He 'Rose HE AROSE

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship has ended.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CHORAL POSTLUDE**Go in Peace (Led by Choir)**

Ocean Park

Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you this day.
 Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you all way.
 Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!
 Go in peace, and the peace of God, be with you all way.
 Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Organ with Trumpet Descants**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 at opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Tyler Sams (4/13)

Suggested daily Readings for Holy Week – April 10 to April 15.

Mon.	Exod. 12:14-27	Psalm 93, 98	Mark 16:1-8
Tue.	Exod. 12:28-39	Psalm 103	Mark 16:9-20
Wed.	Exod.12:40-51	Psalm 97, 99	Matt. 28:1-16
Thurs.	Exod. 13:3-10	Psalm 146, 147	Matt. 28:16-20
Fri.	Exod. 13:1-2, 11-16	Psalm 136	Luke 24:1-12
Sat.	Exod. 13:17 – 14:4	Psalm 145	Mark 12:18-27

SERVING TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 09**Crucifer:** Mr. James Fort**Acolytes:** Omar Mongerie, Sierra Mongerie**Gospel Book Bearer:** Mr. Hollis Sams**Verger/MC:** Mr. Pro Hruda**Dove Bearer:** Kareem Usher Jr.**Vestry:** Mr. Charlie Clark**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Dawn Freeman,

Mrs. Natalie Payne, Mrs. Pamela Greene

Chalice Bearer :Mr. John Grayson**Lectors:** Ms. Chenikka Usher

Mrs. Alexis McMillan

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Guest Musician: Mr. Kirk Gavin**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur-Helfand**A/V:** Ms. Leslie Warren

Announcements

Creating a more Just Tallahassee Community

The Nehemiah Assembly has come and gone, and the Capital Area Justice Ministry is still savoring the victories won on March 27th. A celebration will follow on May 22nd at a location to be determined – there hundreds will gather to celebrate how powerful we showed up and how successful we were as we negotiated in the open with our city commissioners and Sheriff McNeil. This gathering will provide an opportunity to make a personal financial investment in the important work of Justice being done here in our city.

Pray for JoAnn Robinson

We are being invited to pray for our sister JoAnn Robinson as she recovers after a medical procedure last week. Continue to pray for Dourest as he faces his own medical challenges.

Altar Guild Says Thanks

The Altar Guild wishes to thank all those who donated lilies so that the altar could be decorated today. Do continue to support these wonderful women who give of their time, talent, and treasure so that this important ministry here at SMAA continues unimpeded.

Parish Vestry to Meet

The parish vestry will meet on Monday April 10th, at which important decisions will be made affecting our corporate life together.

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.

Return of Pledge Forms

Our parish budget still awaits approval and that will be done when we gather on April 23, 2023. In the meantime, we want to encourage those of us who have not submitted our pledges for this year, to do so as soon as possible. Also the vestry is seriously considering effecting repairs to the roofs covering the Parish Hall, Brooks Room, and Offices, so we have to budget for those repairs.

Vestry Retreat

Our parish vestry will go into retreat this weekend. We have asked Fr. Dave Killeen to be the conductor for our time together.

My Thanks

I wish to thank all those who participated in and helped to lead reflections during our Wednesday Evenings in Lent. Special thanks to our speakers including Dr. Rose Campbell Wesley, Dr. Neil James, Ms. Chenikka Usher, Mr. Byron Greene, Mrs. Alexis McMillan, and Mr. James Fort. *Fr. Hugh+*

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

The Great Festival of Easter

This Feast of our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead, is the greatest and oldest celebration of the Christian Church. Its importance is emphasized liturgically by the long preparation of the Lenten Season (40 days), Passiontide and by the special ceremonies of Holy Week. In the ancient Church the "catechumens" (those being prepared for baptism and first communion) watched all Holy Saturday night before being baptized early on Easter Day. Over the centuries on the night before Easter, churches were illumined and sometimes entire cities! An Easter Vigil was developed overtime giving way to what became known as midnight mass, with the Paschal Vigil preceding the first mass of Easter at midnight, when the faithful received their "Easter communion." That was followed by an additional two (2) celebrations of the Eucharist with separate liturgical readings. In more recent times, we have seen the advent of "sunrise services". Our own BCP provides special anthems for use on Easter Day by choirs and congregations as well.

Actually the derivation of the name 'Easter' is uncertain. According to St. Bede it was connected with an Anglo-Saxon spring goddess named "Eostre." In any event, and as in the case of Christmas, this Christian feast of Easter superseded the old pagan festival, and the popular custom of exchanging 'Easter eggs' was also another ancient ritual (see where we get our Easter egg hunt from?). Finally, the date of the Easter festival is determined by the Paschal Full Moon and can occur anytime between March 21st and April 25th, depending on the Liturgical calendar being used.

Fr. Hugh+

Advent's annual Plant Sale

Our sister church of the Advent will be hosting a plant sale on Saturday May 6th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on their premises at 815 Piedmont Dr. We urge your support.

Yoga Classes Coming

Sharon Thorpe, who has been visiting with us along with her husband Dr. Edwin, is offering yoga classes to everyone. We have extended this offer to our sister churches – Holy Comforter, St. John's, and Advent. A signup sheet will be placed at the back of the church for those interested.



WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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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