

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



The Parable of Weeds among the Wheats

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Ms. Monique Alleyne

OPENING PRAYER

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A106, Come Let Us Worship The Lord

Key

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

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.

Romans 8:12-25

GRADUAL HYMN

A400, v 1-2, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

A400, v 3, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

THE SERMON

Mr. Byron J. Greene

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PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING

For those at Home

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie and 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

Dourest & Joann Robinson, 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, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, 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 Wiley, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton, Ellie Potter, Randy Frazier, Lennie Helfand and Fabienne Bailey Brown.

For those who care for the sick

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Robinson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Dr. Edwin Thorpe, 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.*

Anniversary Prayer

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that couples may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may grow in mutual love and understanding, in courtesy and kindness, so that they may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. *Amen.*

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.**

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right use of thy bountiful goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Dourest Robinson (7/24), Randolph Frazier Sr. (7/24), Anthony & Chenee Lewinson (7/23), Brandon & Naida Ceasar (7/23), Sam & Sharal Jugger (7/27).

Serving today, Sunday, July 23

Crucifer: Mr. Joseph Sams

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Collin Laurie

Vestry: Dr. Shaun Laurie

Altar Guild: Mrs. Shonna Laurie

LEM: Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Lectors: Mr. Prokop Hruda Mrs. Pamela Greene
Ms. Abigail Erefah

Organist: Ms. Monique Alleyne

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Pentecost: July 24 – July 29

Mon.	Joshua 7:1-13	Psalms 41, 52	Matt. 26:36-46
Tue.	Joshua 8:1-22	Psalms 45	Matt. 26:47-56
Wed.	Joshua 8:30-35	Psalms 119:49-72	Matt. 26:57-68
Thurs.	Joshua 9:3-21	Psalms 50	Matt. 26:69-75
Fri.	Joshua 9:22-10:15	Psalms 40, 54	Matt. 27:1-10
Sat.	Joshua 23:1-16	Psalms 55	Matt. 27:11-23

Invitation from the Urban League

The Tallahassee Urban League is pleased to announce the Urban League Sunday Extravaganza, will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the Old West Florida Enrichment Center, 2344 Lake Bradford Road, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and features local gospel groups and choirs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell to Monique

Today we say farewell to Monique Alleyne after her many years of service here at SMAA. Undoubtedly, she freely shared her gifts with us and used her influence to benefit our Parish family. She returns to her homeland, Trinidad & Tobago, at the end of the month. Our prayers go with her.

Church Pictorial Directory

Parish family, we have an opportunity to bring parishioners back together through a custom church pictorial directory. For this to be a success, all members need to be involved. We need fifty families to sign up.

Yoga Classes

Our second class for July will be held on Sunday 30th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. For this class, chairs will be used. Come enjoy the discipline of yoga.

Feeding the Hungry

Grace Mission has again reached out to us about providing a hot meal for those who gather there on Sundays. Our date to feed is August 6th (the Feast of the Transfiguration). We seek monetary donations so we can have the meal prepared for sixty (60) persons.

Deacon Rachel to be Ordained Priest

We are just receiving word that Deacon Rachel will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on September 24th at 4:00 pm! This is a special development for the Grace Mission “church family”. Do keep Rachel in your prayers.

Concert at Holy Comforter

On Friday August 4th at 7:30 pm Holy Comforter Parish will be hosting a special concert at which Hiroya Tsukamoto, a world renowned Japanese guitarist will perform. Tickets are \$20 each and the proceeds will benefit their Youth and Children’s Ministries. We encourage your attendance. For more information call 850-877-2712 or visit their website: HC-EG.ORG.

Supporting Grace Mission’s Outreach

Grace Mission needs school supplies for about 25 young persons. Basic items, i.e. pencils, scissors, glue sticks, large erasers, crayons (for elementary), colored pencils (middle school); Kleenex and hand sanitizers are optional but welcome. Kindly let the office know how you plan to support. Grace Mission would like to receive these items by the end of July to prepare for the August 10th return to school.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

The Christian and Politics *(continued from last week)*

America was to be that place under the sun where the flag of freedom waved in the interest of all, but! How bright with praise was the nation's beginning, but! What a glorious harvest her springtime promised, but! Every attempt to articulate the nation's glory serves only to dramatize her shame. When sin becomes structured and inequality institutionalized, the resultant arrangement is ineluctably wicked and nefarious, because it denies others access to "the tree of life." This is the continuing tragedy of America. Therefore, the query standing before the citizens of the beloved community is- How do you live as the salt of the earth and shine as light in a dark world for Christ Jesus without becoming the government's outside agitator?

I believe our hope in the history of our country, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke unequivocally about it in his 16 April 1963 Letter from a Birmingham Jail, when he said: *"So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremist for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice?"* The Christians' call to become involved in this country's political process is grounded in the life of Jesus, who Himself was an extremist for love, truth, and goodness and thereby rose above His environment. The church of God in Christ must always be seeking to respond to appropriately and rise to the cry of the 8th century prophet Amos, who cried out: "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream (5.24).

The First Amendment reads that *"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."* The first part of that requirement (the Establishment Clause) means that not only should there be no official state church, but also that government should be prohibited from entangling itself in religious matters without a religiously neutral reason. But this First Amendment clause permits or prohibits Christians from participating in the political process? Is there a moral or Biblical obligation to participate or abstain? Is there a distinctively Christian way to engage in the political process?

Anonymous writer.

To be continued.

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.