

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.*



*The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**H388, O Worship the King**

*Hanover*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

**Genesis 29:15-28**

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

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 8:26-39**

GRADUAL HYMN

**H488, v 1-2, Be Thou my Vision**

*Slane*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**H488, v 3, Be Thou my Vision**

*Slane*

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Killeen

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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!**

Delores Grayson (8/4), Felita McNeill (8/4), Dourest & Joann Robinson (7/30), Joseph & Nadira Sams (8/4).

### Serving today, Sunday, July 30

**LEM:** Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. Joseph Sams

**Vestry:** Mr. Charlie Clark

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Sharal Jigger

Ms. Elizabeth Humes

**Crucifer:** Mr. Charlie Clark

**Lectors:** Ms. Margaret Edwards,

Mr. Joseph Sams

Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

**Organist:** Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Pentecost: July 31-August 5

Mon. Joshua 24:16-33

Psalm 56, 57

Matt. 27:24-31

Tue. Judges 2:1-5,11-23

Psalm 61, 62

Matt. 27:32-44

Wed. Judges 3:12-30

Psalm 72

Matt. 27:45-54

Thurs. Judges 4:4-23

Psalm {70}, 71

Matt. 27:55-66

Fri. Judges 5:1-18

Psalm 69:1-23(24-30) 31-38

Matt. 28:1-10

Sat. Judges 5:19-31

Psalm 75, 76

Matt. 28:11-20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Way Forward**

In a previous communication, I indicated that the National Church through the House of Bishops and Standing Committees, chose not to affirm the Rev. Charlie Holt as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Florida. This means that when Bishop Samuel Johnson Howard finally retires as our diocesan, then by Canon and Regulation, our Standing Committee will become the Ecclesiastical Authority until an Interim or Provisional Bishop is named. Again I ask that we remain in prayer for Fr. Holt and his family as well as our diocesan family as we navigate an uncertain future together.  
*Fr. Hugh+*

### **Fabienne Bailey Brown recovering**

We have received word from Nassau, Bahamas that Fabienne is continuing to recover after breast cancer. Do keep her and family in prayer.

### **Scott's surgery goes well**

We are relieved to learn that Scott Allen's surgery went very well. Do continue to keep him, Shauna, and the girls in prayer.

### **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 today from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. For this class, chairs will be used. Come enjoy the discipline of yoga.

### **Concert at Advent Episcopal Church**

An invitation has been extended to us from Advent Episcopal Church for Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. It will be a Chamber Music Concert featuring works by Fanny Mendelssohn and Jessie Montgomery.

### **Skylar coping with loss of Mom**

The rector has stayed in touch with Skylar Warren who is still in New Jersey at this time. The untimely death of Tiffani, has been quite a blow for Skylar and her entire family. Do keep them all in prayer.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

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

From my reading of the Scriptures, I am firmly convinced with most theologians and Bible scholars that “the Scriptures advocate neither total withdrawal from the political process nor over investment in it.” The Gospel applies to all of life, and the Bible instructs the believer about government and political authority. The challenge/question facing every born-again believer of the LORD Jesus (the) Christ is how to actively engage the political process faithfully and apply Christian principles appropriately. James Davison Hunter, in his book, To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, & Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World, gives four suggestive practical helps for how political engagement should look:

- Political engagement trumps participation
- Political engagement is costly
- Political engagement should be kind
- Political engagement should only be engaged by kingdom citizens doing kingdom politics (this is where the participating Christian calls out what is evil and unjust with prophetic boldness)

In conclusion, the modern church catholic should always be reminded and reflect upon the apostle Peter's epistle he sent from Rome to the Christians in five provinces of Asia Minor as part of the generic vocation of God's royal priesthood, the church, is to “conduct herself honestly among the Gentiles” (2.12), to submit to human authority” (2.13), to “do good” (2.15), to “honor everyone” (2.17), and to “be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult. But on the contrary, giving a blessing since you were called for this” (3.8-9). The church must always remind herself that the New Testament speaks exhaustively about how she is to conduct herself in all spheres of life, including politics.

*Anonymous writer.*

## 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.*

### *About Us*

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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.