

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*November 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.*



*The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in our Diocese of Florida for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**A117, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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### ***THE WORD OF GOD***

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

**Psalm 78:1-7**

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.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

GRADUAL HYMN

**A429, v 1-2, Yield Not to Temptation**

YIELD NOT

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 25:1-13**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

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YIELD NOT

THE SERMON

Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

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OFFERTORY	<b>A108, This is the Day</b>	GARRETT
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	<b>H650, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	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.

PRESENTATION HYMN	<b>A105, Bless the Lord</b>	CROUCH
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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

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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 and Renee White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, r. Terrance Rosheuvel, Kurt Blyden and Ashley Rodgers.

### For those in the care of the Doctor

Dourest & Joann Robinson, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, 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, 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, Fabienne Bailey Brown and Patrick Charles.

### 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, 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.*

### Bible Study

Our Bible Study classes will continue next Wednesday at 6:00 pm via zoom. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874409588?pwd=Z2ZpSjIM5Yi9MWS9PWjI1MnVMQm9BQT09>. Meeting ID: 848 7440 9588 Passcode: 654040 and our study text will be St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. Take this opportunity to become more knowledgeable about sacred scripture.

## 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!**

Nadira Sams (11/15), Anna Morales-Black (11/17).

### Serving today, Sunday, November 12.

**LEM:** Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Lectors:** Mr. Prokop Hruda

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

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**Crucifer:** Mr. Prokop Hruda

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Vestry:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Organist:** Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Delois Brown

**AV:**

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Pentecost: November 13 to November 18.

Mon.	Joel 1:1-13	Psalm 80	Luke 14:12-24
Tue.	Joel 1:15-2:2(3-11)	Psalm 78:1-39	Luke 14:25-35
Wed.	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 119:97-120	Luke 15:1-10
Thurs.	Joel 2:21-27	Psalm {83} or 23, 27	Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
Fri.	Joel 2:28-3:8	Psalm 88	Luke 16:1-9
Sat.	Joel 3:9-17	Psalm 87, 90	Luke 16:10-17(18)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CAJM Update

The Capital Area Justice Ministry held its Issues Assembly on Tuesday evening at the Old West Florida Enrichment Center, on Lake Bradford Rd. A broad cross section of network members was in attendance including seven (7) persons from SMAA. The gathering agreed by acclamation to continue with the three previous issues under consideration:- 1. Gun Violence, 2. Affordable Housing and 3. Civil Citations.

Reports were received from the various research groups as well as testimonies provided by selected individuals including our own Laureatte Scott. Towards the end of the evening, the Executive Committee along with the new co-presidents the Rev. A. J. Mealor (Fellowship Presbyterian) and the Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven (St. Paul's UMC) were announced. A tribute was paid to outgoing co-president Pastor James Houston (Bethelonia AME) and the rector was invited to keep serving as Vice President of the organization.

### Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The Thanksgiving Gift Box Committee is requesting volunteers to prepare food items for delivery. The boxes will be filled on Saturday November 18, 2023. The Parish Hall has been reserved for this effort; that will last from 10:00 am. to noon. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

### The Saint John's Bible

The Saint John's Bible is the first complete, hand-scripted, fully illuminated Bible since the invention of the Gutenberg printing press over 500 years ago. Our sister church of St. John's Episcopal has on loan a "Heritage Edition" of the volume containing the Gospels and Acts. Fr. Lonnie Lacy is offering to share this treasure with us here at SMAA, and we have tentatively scheduled a visit with their docents for Sunday November 26th—the Feast of Christ-the-King. Look out for further details

### UBE Membership

As you consider your Stewardship pledge for 2024, please make membership in the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) one of your commitments. The Father David Henry Brooks Chapter will meet on Tuesday, Nov 14th via Zoom. We welcome your attendance. Membership brochures are available in the church vestibule. Join zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89454043449?pwd=SDINQkJkdIhHVmFoTnQ3cmV4NGJBQT09>

Meeting ID: 894 5404 3449 Passcode: 128555.

Margaret Edwards, UBE Chapter President.

## A REFLECTION

### Following Jesus By A Walk of Faith—The Rev. James Vaughn

If the truth be told about the Christian's walk with God, the vast majority of disciples of Jesus (the Christ) are walking by their feelings and not by their faith in God. You can vacillate from one end of life's spectrum to the other because your feelings change all the time. For example, you can begin the day with love and happiness and before you know it you have come to realize you are angry for whatever reason. But to live each day by faith in God means you live every day, no matter what the social situation is, the emotional evaporation, the psychological pleasantries, the political posturing, or the cultural contours that come your way, you have this quiet resolve and confidence that God is good, and He withholds nothing from you. Does walking and living by faith mean you do not prepare and plan for retirement? Does it mean you swim with alligators because you have faith God will protect you? Does it mean you should not undergo cancer treatment as proof you trust God as Healer?

The Bible says in II Corinthians 5 :7, *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* This verse confirms once you chose to follow God, it means you are totally trusting Him to lead and love you in the right direction. It means you are taking the right and appropriate steps of faith, even when things do not make sense, and your world seems to be falling to pieces. The born-again believer in the body of Christ must always remain cognizant of the fact it is a natural inclination to walk behind the ways of the world as opposed to obeying God's Word, maintain your living according to His will, and saturate your focus on following daily the truth of and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus. When you program both your mind and manners to having an eternal perspective, you then can feel at home in both worlds (2 Cor. 5:6-8). Walking and placing your faith totally in God have everything to do with your being confident that your spirit does not fall victim to being easily evaporated over the elation of events (positive or negative) and turn out to be a mirage. Christian faith becomes more palpable and perfective as the believer places her/his confidence in the living LORD God.

The late Dr. Charles F. Stanley, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia said: "When the Bible tells us about a great man or woman of faith, the LORD in His kindness often also shows us the person's weakness and failings. For example, Abraham was exactly like so many modern-day believers because he had his faults, failures, and he sinned. He made mistakes, yet God loved him and accomplished so many monumental events throughout his life.

*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.*

### *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.