

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

H56, O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

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

H59, Hark! A thrilling voice

Merton

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT OF LOVE

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him. The Son of the Most High was born in the humble surroundings of a stable, because there was no room in the inn.

In gratitude for the one who found room in his stable, and for all who have room in their hearts for the Savior, we light this candle of love. Hear the word of the Lord: "I have loved you with an everlasting love. My command is this: Love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself."

For the one who opened the stable doors of yesterday, and for those who open their hearts today to the love of God, we give thanks.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

GRADUAL HYMN

H58, v 1-2, Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

St. Thomas

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN	H58, v 3-4, Lo! He comes, with clouds descending	<i>St. Thomas</i>
THE SERMON		The Reverend Hugh Chapman
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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI		392
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION		330
THE PEACE		
Offertory	H578, O God of love, O King of peace	<i>Eltham</i>
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	H43, v4, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	<i>The Eighth Tune</i>
<i>Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said:</i>		
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	H577, God is love	<i>Ubi caritas</i>
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1		BCP pg. 333
SANCTUS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		pg. 336
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
AGNUS DEI		
THE INVITATION		
HOLY COMMUNION		
COMMUNION HYMN	H439, What wondrous love is this	<i>Wondrous Love</i>
MEDITATION HYMN	Ave Maria	
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	H640, Watchman, tell us of the night	<i>Aberystwyth</i>
DISMISSAL		
H= 1982 Hymnal (blue).		

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, Fr. 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, Patrick Charles and Hansel Tookes.

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.*

SPECIAL PRAYER

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.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Natalie Payne (12/24), Verona Satchell (12/25), Zollie White III (12/27), Charles Hruda (12/29), Kobimdi Okafor (12/29), Ivana Kenny Carmola (12/30).

Serving today, Sunday, December 24.

LEM: Mr. Prokop Hruda

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Hollis Sams

Crucifer: Mr. Joseph Sams

Vestry: Mrs. Linda Billups

Altar Guild: Mrs. Kate Wasson

Mrs. Delois Brown

Lectors: Mr. Charlie Clark

Mr. Joseph Sams

Dr. Delores Lawson

Mr. Prokop Hruda

Organist: Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

AV: Thomas Payne

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 25 to December 30.

Mon.	Isa. 11:1-9	Psalm .61, 62	John 5:30-47
Tue.	Isa. 11:10-16	Psalm .66, 67	Luke 1:5-25
Wed.	Isa. 28:9-22	Psalm .72	Luke 1:26-38
Thurs.	Isa. 29:13-24	Psalm .80	Luke 1:39-48a(48b-56)
Fri.	Isa.33:17-22	Psalm .93, 96	Luke 1:57-66
Sat.	Isa. 35:1-10	Psalm .45, 46	Luke 1:67-80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Return of Pledge Cards

We wish to thank all those who turned in their cards so far. At each succeeding celebration of the Eucharist, we will receive the cards placed in the Stewardship receptacle at the door and duly have them blessed at the conclusion of the service.

A Special Appeal

We are asking each parishioner to consider giving a special financial gift to the parish this Christmas. We are grateful to all who fulfilled their pledges, but still ask for this tax deductible gift, so we can close out 2023 on a positive note.

Dr. Shaun Laurie, Senior Warden

UBE Membership

As you consider your Stewardship pledge for 2024, please make membership in the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) one of your commitments. Membership brochures are available in the church vestibule.

Bible Class in Recess

Our Bible Class will be in recess until Wednesday January 10th, 2024. Then we shall continue with our study of Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Building With Christ

Under the auspices of the Capital Campaign Committee, SMAA has launched a special fundraiser, the proceeds of which will go directly to this effort. We ask that you share the flyer released with your family members, colleagues, and friends. All we ask for is a donation of \$18.82, a symbolic reminder of when SMAA began its journey back in 1882. This small offering (and you can give lots more), will be the seed money to help kick start phase one of this ambitious project.

Fr. Hugh+

Junior Warden Elevated

Our Junior Warden Charlie Clark, has been invited to serve as the vice-chair of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Standing Committee is the "vestry" of the Diocese between Conventions. Congratulations Charlie.

Congratulations to Darryl Tookes and Yolanda Bogan

Darryl Tookes is a proud granddaddy! Congratulations sir, another musician on the way? Also to Yolanda Bogan who recently earned board certification in clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. Congratulations are in order.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Peace on Earth

St. Luke says in his gospel, that some shepherds were out in the fields watching over their flocks, when suddenly there appeared before them an angel of the Lord who announced, "I have good news for you; there is great joy coming to the whole people. Today in the city of David a deliverer has been born to you— the Messiah, the Lord." The frightened shepherds hardly had time to process what they had just heard, when a great company of the heavenly host, appeared and began singing—"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth His peace for men on whom His favor rests." We are thousands of years removed from that announcement and our world still yearns for peace and goodwill amongst all people. There is going to be no peace this Christmas for those who live in Ukraine or the dwellers of Gaza. Indeed a humanitarian crisis of cataclysmic proportion becomes more evident each day—and the world waits and hopes that words like "moral duty" will goad the warring parties on both sides of the conflict, to stop fighting. All we Christians are left with, is our prayers and the expectation that God's peace will still break out in that troubled region of our world. May that same peace find its way into the hearts of men and women everywhere.

Fr. Hugh+

A New Era?

There were two significant developments this week in both the Roman Catholic Community and the Church of England. Both the Holy Father (Pope Francis) and the spiritual head of the Anglican Communion the Most Rev. Justin Welby announced that they were giving permission for same-sex blessings to take place in the churches over which they have jurisdiction! What will this mean going forward? Our Methodist brethren are feeling the full effects of their split, with some 7000 congregations leaving the United Methodist Church! Do pray for our Methodist brethren particularly at this time.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

ON BEHALF OF GENEVIEVE, EUGENIA, PENNELA, CASSANDRA, DANIEL, AND BABY JAMES LILY, I SAY, A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. GOD BLESS YOU.

FR. HUGH+

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.