

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Sunday, December 24, 2023*  
*Christmas Eve Eucharist, 8:00 pm.*



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

### Choral Prelude – Carols to begin at 7:30 pm

H91, Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light	<i>JS Bach</i>
H81, Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming	<i>Es ist ein Rps</i>
H102, Once in Royal David's City	<i>Irby</i>
H107, Good Christian friends, rejoice	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>
H109, The first Nowell	<i>The First Nowell</i>

*Acolytes light the middle candle, the church lights are lowered more, and the acolytes will take the light from the Christ candle and light the candle of the persons closest to center aisle, who will then pass the light to people in their pew row.*

#### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

In gratitude for the One announced by the light of stars and angels, we light the Christ candle. Hear the word of the Lord: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." For the Light of Christ that shines in the darkness for all people in all times, we give thanks.

Go now and share the good news of the gospel of peace: I have come to comfort those who mourn, to give them joy instead of sorrow, hope instead of despair. My unfailing love will not be shaken; my promise of peace stands forever. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.

For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," has made His light shine in your hearts. No one lights a lamp and hides it. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. In the same way, let your light shine. You are the light of the world. Go now as children of light.

#### HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

##### PRELUDE

Mrs. Debralee LaSeur  
Mr. Kirk Gavin, trumpet

##### 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.*



<b>PRESENTATION HYMN</b>	<b>H99, Go Tell it on the Mountain</b>	Spiritual
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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

<b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A</b>		<b>369</b>
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<b>SANCTUS</b>	<b>L252, Holy, Holy, Holy</b>	McLin
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<b>THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>	<b>L264, The Lord’s Prayer</b>	Malotte
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<b>THE BREAKING OF THE BREAK</b>		<b>364</b>
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**THE INVITATION**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

<b>COMMUNION HYMN 1</b>	<b>H101, Away in a manger</b>	<i>Cradle Song</i>
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<b>COMMUNION HYMN 2</b>	<b>H115, What Child is this?</b>	<i>Greensleeves</i>
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<b>MEDITATION HYMN</b>	<b>H79, O little town of Bethlehem</b>	<i>St. Louis</i>
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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>RECESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<b>H87, Hark! the herald angels sing</b>	Mendelssohn
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**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL POSTLUDE**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

L= Lift Every Voice & Sing (black, green, red)

**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 night, Sunday, December 24.

**LEM:** Mr. Byron Greene

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Collin Laurie

**Crucifer:** Mr. Joseph Sams

**Vestry:** Ms. Margaret Edwards

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Natalie Payne

**Lectors:** Collin Laurie

Mr. Charlie Clark

Mrs. Alexis McMillan

Dr. Kathleen Rodgers

**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**AV:** Ms. Leslie Warren

### 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

## 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.

## SOME CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

May the Christmas **gifts** remind you of God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas **candles** remind you of Him who is the "Light of the World."

May the Christmas **trees** remind you of another tree upon which He died for you.

May the Christmas **cheer** remind you of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."

May the Christmas **bell** remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas **carols** remind you of the song the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest."

May the Christmas **season** remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

**HIS NAME AT THE TOP**

*I had the nicest Christmas list—  
The longest one in town—  
Til Daddy looked at it and said,  
“You’ll have to cut it down.”*

*I knew that what he said was true  
Beyond the faintest doubt,  
But I was amazed to hear him say,  
“You’ve left your best friend out.”*

*And so I scanned my list again,  
And said, “Oh, that’s not true!”  
But Daddy said, “His name’s not there—  
That Friend who died for you.”*

*And then I clearly understood  
‘Twas Jesus that he meant;  
For Him who should come first of all  
I hadn’t planned a cent.*

*I had made a lengthy Christmas list.  
And left the Savior out!  
But, oh, it didn’t take me long  
To change the list about.*

*And though I’ve had to drop some names  
Of folks I like a lot;  
My Lord must have the most—because—  
His name is at the top.*

**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.*

### *About Us*

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#### *Our Clergy and Administration*

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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.