

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Christmas Day Eucharist
December 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

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

A207, Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

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.

Titus 3:4-7

GRADUAL HYMN

A212, v1, Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Spiritual

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:{1-7}, 8-20

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

A212, v2, Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Spiritual

THE SERMON

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY	A211, Silent Night, Holy Night	STILLE NACHT
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	A651, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD 100TH

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	A202, Go Tell it on the Mountain	SPIRITUAL
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
AGNUS DEI		
THE INVITATION		

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	A209, Away in a Manger	MEULLER
MEDITATION HYMN	Solo	
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	A197, Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
DISMISSAL		

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, 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!

Verona Satchell (12/25), Zollie White III (12/27), Charles Hrudá (12/29), Kobimdi Okafor (12/29), Ivana Kenny Carmola (12/30), Laureatte Scott (12/31), Anna White (12/31).

Serving today, Monday, December 25.

LEM:

Gospel Book Bearer/MC:

Crucifer:

Vestry:

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delois Brown

Lectors: Mr. Charlie Clark

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Mrs. JoAnn Robinson

Organist: Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

AV:

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

Mon.	Zech. 2:10-13	Psalm .2, 85	John 3:31-36
Tue.	Isa. 12:1-6	Psalm .18:1-20	John 7:37-52
Wed.	Isa. 25:1-9	Psalm .20, 21:1-7(8-14)	John 7:53-8:11
Thurs.	Isa. 26:1-9	Psalm .46, 48	John 8:12-19)
Fri.	Isa.65:15n-25	Psalm .90	Rev. 21:1-6
Sat.	Gen. 17:1-12a, 15-16	Psalm .103	John 16:23b-30

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

The Celebration of Christmas

All over the world today Christmas is being celebrated with special church services, traditional family gatherings (some folks have traveled to be with loved ones) and the exchange of gifts. I have commented before how the secular world has literally highjacked this sacred observance, this important promise being fulfilled when our God decided to come among us, and has completely commercialized this historic event. Indeed lots of us here in Tallahassee went straight from Thanksgiving right to Christmas! In our neighborhood, the decorative lights have just stayed on—perhaps our neighbors have wondered about us and why we did not put ours on! We did not, because we had to first observe Advent and prepare our hearts for the Christ to enter in us again.

Christmas is finally here, so let the celebrations begin for us Christians, as we ponder again the significance of the coming of the Christ Child and the explicit humility of His birth. It might interest you to know that great speculation existed about the date of our Lord's Nativity. For instance Clement of Alexandria had suggested in the 3rd century, May 20th! Indeed, it was not until the 4th century that December 25th was decided on—to oppose the observance of the Roman feast "Natalis Solis Invicti"—the birth of the Sun of Righteousness. Whatever the origin of the December 25th date, after the accession of the Roman Emperor Constantine, this practice of the celebration of our Lord's Nativity spread from Rome to the rest of the then known world. Also in earlier times, three masses were said at Christmas (at midnight), dawn and later in the day. Unbeknownst to many of us, the popular observance of this sacred feast (with lots of joy and merry making) was the Church's attempt to replace pagan festivals that held sway at that time. However in the 19th century, the Christmas celebration developed considerably in England with the importation of German customs (like Christmas trees). Of course the singing of carols became an important feature in both ecclesiastical and secular contexts, as we do today.

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.