

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*First Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Sunday, January 7, 2024*



*"I BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"*

*MARK 1:8*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

OPENING PRAYER

We thank You O God for all that You've done, O God, and we look to the future with hope. Our world is full of brokenness that only You can mend, so we pray for opportunities to boldly proclaim the hope we have in You. We pray for believers all over the world – that they would be unified in You, loving and supporting each other. In all things, help us to fix our hope on You this year. Give us strength to persevere, courage to share Your good news, and peace in Knowing that You are always with us. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**L141 Shall We Gather at the River**

LOWRY

### *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*]

**Genesis 1:1-5**

**Psalm 29**

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.

**Acts 19:1-7**

GRADUAL HYMN

**L121 v.1-2 Baptized in the water**

*Hancock*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 1:4-11**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**L121.v.3 Baptized in the water**

*Hancock*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY	<b>L134, Take Me to the Water</b>	SPIRITUAL
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	<b>H56, 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>L160 This Little Light of Mine</b>	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	<b>L123, Done Made my Vow to the Lord</b>	SPIRITUAL
MEDITATION HYMN	<b>L107 There’s Something About That Name</b>	Gaither
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>L63 Glorious is the Name of Jesus</b>	FRYSON

DISMISSAL

A= African American Hymnal (ivory).

H= The Hymnal 1982 (blue)

L = Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (black/red)

## **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, Devonias 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.*

### Update on those being prayed for

John Melville is out of hospital and back at the facility where he is being cared for. While Chelsea Ducille and Livy Hitchcock are on the mend. There is more surgery ahead for livy. Do keep them all in prayer.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!** 

Kevin Williams (1/9).

### Serving today, Sunday, January 7.

**Acolytes:** Mr. Joseph Sams III  
Mr. Hollis Sams

**LEM:** Mr. John Grayson

**Lectors:** Dr. Edith Onyeozilli

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mrs. Alexis McMillan

Mr. Chris White

**Crucifer:** Mr. Collin Laurie

Mr. Prokop Hruda

**Vestry:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Organist:** Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Delores Lawson

**AV:** Ms. Eugenia Chapman

### Suggested daily Readings for the Week of Epiphany I: January 7 to Epiphany January 13.

Mon.	Gen.2:4-25	Psalm .1	John 1:1-18
Tue.	Gen.3:1-24	Psalm .5	John 1:19-29
Wed.	Gen 4:1-16	Psalm .119	John 1: 29-42
Thurs.	Gen 4:17-26	Psalm .18:1-20	John 1:43-51
Fri.	Gen 6:1-8	Psalm .16	John 2:1-12
Sat.	Gen. 6:9-22	Psalm .20	John 2:13-22

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Tallahassee Bicentennial**

#### **African American Roots in Leon County Florida**

The Tallahassee African American Genealogical Society invites you to join them for bicentennial events that honor the rich history of African Americans in Leon County from territorial days to the 21st century.

On January 14, at 3:00 p.m., Dr. Patrick Mason will present “Days when hope unborn had died: Proctors, Rollins and the fight for total equality” at St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 2125 Keith Street.

On January 28, at 3:00 p.m., Professor Valerie Scoon will present her award-winning documentary, “Invisible History, Middle Florida’s Hidden Roots,” at the Parkview Hotel in Cascade Park. This documentary sheds light on the plantations and enslaved people in North Florida. Both events are free and open to the public and feature door prizes.

*Tallahassee African American Genealogical Society is dedicated to educating and promoting interest in African American genealogy and encouraging and assisting members and the public in documenting and sharing their family histories.*

#### **The Standing Committee Appoints 2024 Assisting Bishop**

The Standing Committee recently shared that the Right Reverend Scott Benhase, retired bishop of Georgia, *will shepherd us through this next phase of our transition as a diocese.*

Bishop Benhase will serve our diocese on a part-time basis as an assisting bishop at least for the next calendar year. While the Standing Committee will continue to be the ecclesiastical authority, Bishop Benhase will serve in both *a sacramental and pastoral capacity.*

#### **Conversation in Community with Bishop Benhase**

Join us in person or via livestream on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at St. John’s Cathedral for a conversation with Bishop Benhase. Let us hear about his life, his vocation as deacon, priest and then bishop and how he came to love Jesus. The conversation will be livestreamed and archived on the [Cathedral's YouTube channel](#).

#### **Ordination Upcoming**

Bishop Benhase will ordain Teri Calinao to the Order of Deacons on January 11, 2024, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Jacksonville, Florida. Do keep Teri in your prayers.

## **FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

### **Returning**

The Old Testament prophet Hosea (Chap 6:1) issued a call to return, pleading with his people not to forget the goodness of the Lord. In Hosea's view, his people had all but abandoned the protectors of Israel in the face of what turned out to be illusionary prosperity, Hosea found it baffling how quickly his people seemed to forget that it was Yahweh who had kept them safe from their enemies, always. And now, inexplicably they were now seeking alliances with Egypt and Assyria! Hosea agonized over the breach of the terms of the covenant Israel had solemnly sworn to keep. Of course the people of Israel paid dearly for their apostasy.

Prophets and teachers in every age have felt the necessity to issue similar warnings when we believers have strayed from the source of our blessing. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, our nation is experiencing for the moment, a period of prosperity we haven't seen in awhile! We have lived long enough to know such prosperity could disappear in a moment and the twinkling of an eye. This is no doomsday prediction, but we need to be careful that we who know the source of our blessing, do not abandon the God who causes us to prosper and always protects us His people – thereby causing the God of Heaven to turn his face away from us. This message of returning is one we here at St. Michael can surely use. Some of us have returned and have faithfully attended worship Sunday by Sunday, whilst others of us have been hesitant, but yet have felt safe enough to travel and interact with others. 2024 has come and we have the perfect opportunity to return to fellowship. Come back and let's celebrate each other and special moments in each other's lives. Let the Fellowship Hall come alive again. Come support efforts being made by the Capital Area Justice Ministry to bring justice to Tallahassee. Come join the Bible Study Group as we discover hidden secrets in Holy Scripture. Do as others have done in their churches and let St. Michael and All Angels come alive again, as we all return to fellowship.

### **Vestry to Meet**

Our parish vestry will meet on Monday January 8, 2024 via Zoom. Do pray for our church leaders as they recommit themselves in this brand new year.

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.