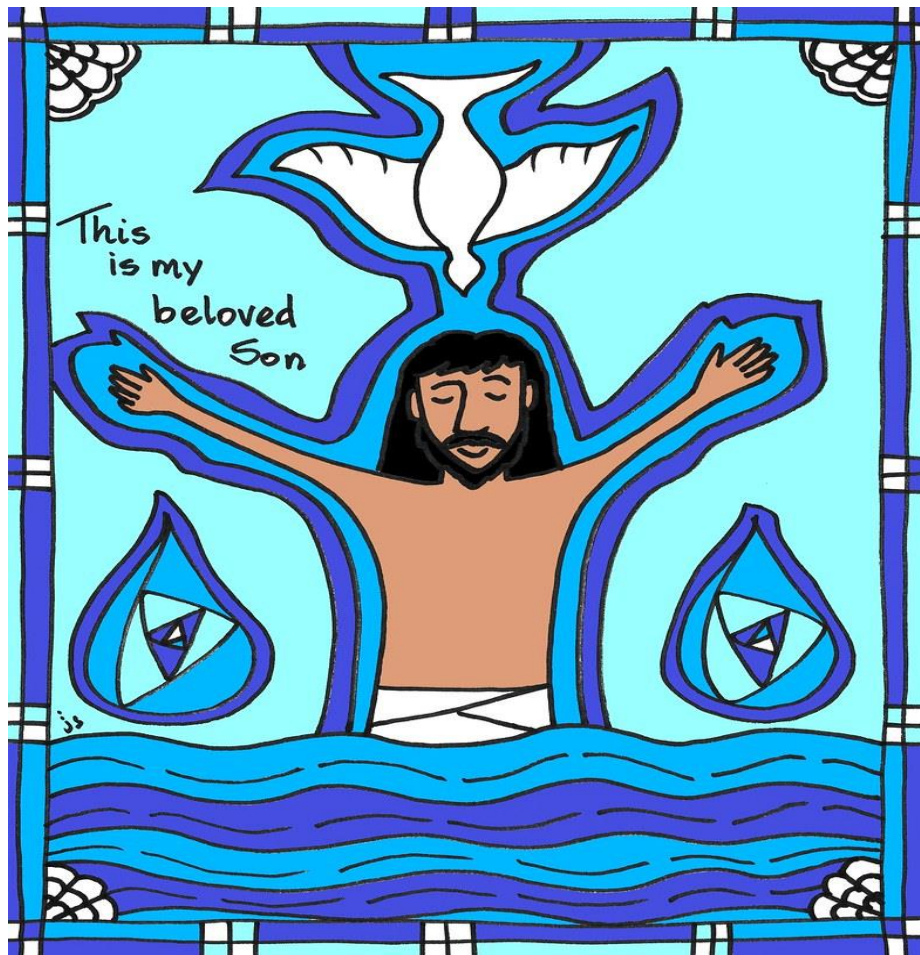


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*First Sunday In Lent*  
*February 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.*



*The Baptism of Jesus*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

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

**H143, The glory of these forty days**

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

### THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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KYRIE

**L237, Lord, Have Mercy**

Gillespie

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Have mercy, O Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-9

Insert

1 Peter 3:18-22

GRADUAL HYMN

**H142 v1-3, Lord, who through-out these forty days**

*St. Flavian*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**H142 v4-5, Lord, who through-out these forty days**

*St. Flavian*

THE SERMON

Mr. J. Byron Greene

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

385

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

330-332

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

**H691, My Faith looks up to thee**

*Olivet*

DOXOLOGY AND PROCESSION                    **H380, Praise God, from whom all blessing 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    **H693, Just as I am**    *Woodworth*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1    BCP Pg. 333  
SANCTUS    334  
THE LORD’S PRAYER    336  
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD    337  
AGNUS DEI  
THE INVITATION

**HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN                    **H321, My God, thy table now is spread**                    *Rockingham*  
MEDITATION HYMN                    **H692, I heard the voice of Jesus say**                    *The Third Tune*  
POST COMMUNION PRAYER                    BCP Pg. 339  
BENEDICTION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RECESSIONAL HYMN                    **H150, Forty days and forty nights**                    *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*  
DISMISSAL  
H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING**

### **For those at Home**

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, Ashley Rodgers, Sandra Todman-Hart, Teresa Thomas, and Monica Scott.

### **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, Will Baker, David Thomas Wiley, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton, Ellie Potter, Randy Frazier, Lennie Helfand, Fabienne Bailey Brown, Patrick Charles, Hansel Tookes, Chelsea Ducille, Fr. Darryl James, Nohemy Reid, Sean Warren-Bailey and Rasheen Jamison Richardson.

### **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 PRAYERS**

### **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.*

### **Anna White Returns home**

Anna White returned home last week from hospital. Do keep her in your prayers.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that couples may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. Amen.

### **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.*

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

Randolph Frazier III (2/19), Margaret Edwards (2/22), Edith Oneyozili (2/24), Lenin & Tresia Mongerie (2/23).

#### **Serving today, Sunday, February 18**

**LEM:** Mr. J. Byron Greene

**Acolytes:** Omar Mongerie  
Sierra Mongerie

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. Prokop Hruda

**Crucifer :** Mr. Joseph Sams

**Vestry:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Lectors:** Mr. Prokop Hruda

Dr. Edith Onyeozili

Ms. Chenikka Usher

**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Natalie Payne

#### **Suggested daily Readings for the First Sunday in Lent: Feb. 19 – Feb. 24.**

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| Mon.   | Deut. 8:11-20     | Psalm 41, 52      | John 2:1-12      |
| Tue.   | Deut. 9:4-12      | Psalm.45          | John 2:13-22     |
| Wed.   | Deut. 9:13-21     | Psalm.119:49-72   | John 2:23 – 3:15 |
| Thurs. | Deut. 9:23 – 10:5 | Psalm 50          | John 3:16-21     |
| Fri.   | Deut. 10:12-22    | Psalm 95 & 40, 54 | John 3:22-36     |
| Sat.   | Deut. 11:18-28    | Psalm.55          | John 4:1-26      |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Lent is Here!**

I pose this challenge to all of us this Lenten Season—let us seek to read more, reflect more, and pray more—leaving behind the daily distractions of our lives. I bid you pray for the grace to so do. I came across this provocative reflection by one Rachel Held Evans who described herself as an ex-evangelist—read on and you will see why great doubt crept into her life, but also how she was delivered:-They said that if I questioned a 6000 year old earth, I would question whether other parts of Scripture should be read scientifically and historically. They were right! I did. They said that if I entertained the hope that those without access to the gospel might still be loved and saved by God, I would fall prey to the dangerous idea that God loves everyone, that there is nothing God won't do to reconcile all things to Himself. They were right. I have. They said that if I looked for Jesus beyond the party line, I could end up voting for liberals. They were right. I do (sometimes). They said that if I listened to my gay and lesbians neighbors, if I made room for them in my church and in my life, I could let grace get out of hand. They were right. It has. They told me that this slippery slope would lead me away from God, that it would bring a swift end to my faith journey, that I'd be lost forever. But with that one, they were wrong. Yes, the slippery slope brought doubts. Yes, the slippery slope brought change. Yes, the slippery slope brought danger and risk and unknowns. I am indeed more exposed to the elements out here, and at times it is hard to find footing. But when I decided I wanted to follow Jesus as myself, with both my head and heart intact the slippery slope was the only place I could find Him, the only place I could engage my faith honestly.

*Fr. Hugh+*

*To be continued*

### **Lenten Program in the Parish**

Every Wednesday in Lent (after Ash Wednesday) we shall gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a simple meal, a special address and Compline. This Lent's speakers are, Mtr. Rachel (Grace Mission), J. Byron Greene (SMAA), Chenikka Usher (SMAA), James Fort (SMAA) and Mtr. Leslie (St. John's). Our theme this time is "Return to the Lord (Jer. 4:1) and we want to encourage all of us to use these Wednesday evenings as part of our Lenten Discipline

### **Presiding Bishop**

Our Presiding Bishop who continues to make good recovery after brain surgery, has issued an appeal to the wider Episcopal Church seeking our support for all HBCUs. Archbishop Curry said, "I am writing to invite you, your congregation, and all Episcopalians to honor the life and work of Blessed Absalom Jones, by making a gift in 2024 to the Absalom Jones Fund for historically Black Colleges and Universities. He continues, one way to afford young people a better future, creating dynamic and empowering educational environments for them, is to make a donation to the aforementioned Fund. Let us respond as generously as we could.

## The Power and Practice of Love

Continued from last week.

Listen to what the apostle John said in his epistle, I John 4.20: *“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? To love God, you must show love for others.”* I’m impressed with this passage because John does not just use the Greek word **telei** (which has the idea of “maturity” and “completeness”). Instead, he writes **teleioo teleioo**- speaking of love that is “perfectly perfected” or “completely completed”. John insists that our claim of loving God is false if we do not also love our sister and brother in the family of faith and it must be seen in action.

In 2024, let us come to the starting line of another new year, the race with a radically new mindset to show and express love in open with how we will practice and participate loving more openly and visibly. According to both John and Jesus, our claim of loving God is false, phony, and fictitious if we do not also love our brothers and sisters. This love must be seen, placed in action, and exemplary of the love of Christ Jesus. Jesus said to His disciples, after having communed and washed their feet, the world could measure our status as His disciples by the measure of our love for one another (John 13.35).

Love is not limited to nor confined by what it says, Instead, love has everything to do with what it does. Perhaps the television mogul Oprah Winfrey said it best: *“Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.”* Let’s prepare to show the world, that in 2024, the church of God in Christ’s love life is under new management. If not, the immortal words of Dr. King will become a living reality: *“We must learn how to live together as sisters and brothers, or we will perish together as fools.”*

*Rev. James Vaughn*

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. All parish organizations/ministries are asked to submit reports to the Office no later than Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Vestry.*

## 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.