

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.*



*The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

**H56, O come, O come Emmanuel**

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**H76, On Jordan's bank**

*Winchester New*

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

Narrator: An angel of the Lord appeared to simple shepherds, saying "today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Suddenly the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom His favor rests."

In gratitude for the shepherds who were the first to see the Prince of Peace, we light this candle of peace. The announcement of His birth was not to royalty, nor to the famous, but to the simple, common people of the day. After they had seen Him lying in the manger, the shepherds told everyone they met about this Child. The bearer of peace. Hear the word of the Lord: "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace, for there is a future for the people of peace. For yesterday's simple shepherds and for today's ordinary people across the globe who welcome peace and work on its behalf, we give thanks.

### THE WORD OF GOD

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Philippians 4:4-7

GRADUAL HYMN

**H295, v-1-2, Sing praise to our creator**

*Christus, der ist mein Leben*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 3:7-18**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**H295, v3, Sing praise to our creator**

*Christus, der ist mein Leben*

A TEACHING OF THE FAITH The Reverend Hugh Chapman

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OFFERTORY **H59, Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding** *Merton*

Doxology & procession **H380, 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 **H554, 'Tis the gifts to be simple** *Simple Gifts*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE INVITATION

### HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN **H336, Come with us, O blessed Jesus** *Werde munter*

MEDITATION HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN **H68, Rejoice! rejoice, believers** *Llangloffan*

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, Elroy Todman, Christopher Marrow and Sean Gray.

### **For those in the care of the Doctor**

Dourest & Joann Robinson, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexes 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, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, Fritz Roy, Mark Thomas, Terrence Harris, Will Baker, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton, Ellie Potter, Lennie Helfand, Fabienne Bailey Brown, Patrick Charles, Sean Warren-Bailey, Victor Laurie, Martha Laurie, Pamela Richards, Al Washington, James Gay, Jennifer Butler-Harris, Fritz Coleman Jr., Jennipher Francis, Eileen Corona, Nia Williams, Bishop Charles Davidson, Peyton Toussaint, Jesse Stewart, Catherine Davis, Lorna Willabus, James Varlack, Michelle James and Ivan Rosheuvel.

### **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!**

Joseph Sams III (12/18), Adanna Anwuri (12/19), Paul Edwards (12/19), Prokop Hruda (12/21).

### Serving today, Sunday, December 15

**Crucifer:** Mr. James Fort

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

**LEM:** Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Vestry:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Kate Wasson

**Ushers & Greeters:**

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Ms. Camille Usher

Mr. Charlie Clark

Mr. Al Lawson

Ms. Marie Roberts

**Lectors:** Mr. Collin Laurie

Dr. Delois Lawson

Mr. Charlie Clark

Ms. Chenikka Usher

**Organist:** Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

**AV:** Mrs. Sherika White

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 16 to December 21

Mon. Isa. 8:16-9:1

Psalm 41, 52

Luke 22:39-53

Tue. Isa. 9:1-7

Psalm 45

Luke 22:54-69

Wed. Isa. 9:8-17

Psalm 119:49-72

Mark 1:1-8

Thurs. Isa. 9:18-10:4

Psalm 50

Matt. 3:1-12

Fri. Isa. 10:5-19

Psalm 40, 45

Matt. 11:2-15

Sat. Isa. 10:20-27

Psalm 55

Luke 3:1-9

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Schedule of Services

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/24/24	Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve Service/Eucharist	8:00 pm
12/25/24	Christmas Day Eucharist	10:00 am
12/26/24	St. Stephen's Day/Said Mass	12:15 pm
12/28/24	Holy Innocents Day/Said Mass	12:15 pm
12/29/24	Christmas 1/Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am

### Ushers & Greeters

Sister Sharal Jigger, the coordinator of the Ushers & Greeters Ministry, is seeking volunteers for Sunday mornings. Look out for an invite to serve.

### Appeal for Poinsettias

The Altar Guild has begun their planning for the Christmas Services. They are appealing for Poinsettias to decorate the altar as usual. Let us respond to that appeal as generously as we have done in the past.

### Grace Mission Christmas Tree

Grace Mission has completed and delivered its 2024 "CHRISTMAS WISHES TREE" for our consideration this season. The tree has been adorned with their wish list "ornaments". Please select an ornament and help bring joy to someone this season. The tree will be in our vestibule on Sunday, December 15th.

### Bible Class

The Bible Class continues the study of sacred scripture on Wednesday of this week. The study text will be prophecies of Micah.

The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88047089010?pwd=a1qRmOG7YYDHdcENxGFs5rzOVEGWze.1>

Meeting ID: 880 4708 9010 Passcode: 118512

Dial by your location • +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

### Contemplative Eucharist

Every Tuesday at 12:15 pm a mass is said at which a reading for the previous Sunday forms the basis for the interactive reflections shared. Actually the liturgical format for the service is different with a focus on prayer. If you are available do join us.

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

### **Blessed are they who Mourn**

In recent times, some among us here at SMAA, have been left mourning the loss of loved ones – including my family. Almost all of us who were aggrieved, were unprepared for the demise of our family members. In my case, I had a great conversation with Louis on Monday and by Wednesday night he was gone!

So how do we believers deal with grief? Our Lord reminds in the Beatitudes, that those who are plunged into mourning, will be comforted by the God who sees our tears, hears our cries and feels our pain. We also know that grieving is a process, and it takes time. For some of us, we could pray, hold on to our faith and keep it moving as John Grayson suggested to me. Others among us will need some time - BTW those who offer grief counseling, suggest that there are five (5) stages of the Grief Process – 1. Denial. 2. Anger. 3. Bargaining. 4. Depression and finally acceptance (perhaps not necessarily in that order). There is always that emotional toll to be dealt with when we lose someone we deeply care about. So we react differently particularly if the relative's demise was totally unexpected. It was difficult for me to receive the news of my brother's death, because we had a long conversation just two days prior and he assured me he was okay! However there could be no denying that he is no longer with us, for to do otherwise would be delusional. Or worse, to think this was some sick joke by someone causing us to think that the news provided would suddenly change! People do cruel and awful things to each other online including sending death messages and much worse!! And then it dawns on us, no, it is true, our loved one is gone, forever. Inevitably and perhaps at the funeral finally, lots of us acknowledge yes it really happened, and we accept the fact that that loved one is no more, which helps us to arrive at the acceptance phase, maybe in that moment. Otherwise if we do differently, we risk severe depression, and I have seen that occur in my ministry and family as well!!

So the support of friends, family and the church community often come to our rescue, beginning perhaps at the traditional "wake" that most of us may be familiar with. In the case of Louis, it was festive with all sorts of Caribbean music, food and strong drink, that was supposed to prepare us for the funeral service and burial afterwards. Indeed, as I enjoyed all the banter and delicacies available at both the "wake" and repass, I was reminded of something my comparative religion professor, Dr. Harry Sawyer said to us one day (he hailed from Sierre Leone). He told us that in his culture, they mourn when a child is born, because of the state of the world, but when someone dies, they celebrate, because no illness or misfortune can now encumber them and in any case, they are returning to the ancestor community! Couldn't but help thinking what that kind of reunion would be for all those who died recently with those who predeceased them! And of course, we know as believers that our God will comfort all those who mourn, in His own time. *Amen.*

*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.