

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



THE LIGHT OF LOVE

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

H56, O come, O come Emmanuel

Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

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

H74, Blest be the King who is coming

Valet will ich dir geben

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

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him. The Son of the Most High was born in the humble surroundings of a stable, because there was no room in the inn.

In gratitude for the one who found room in his stable, and for all who have room in their hearts for the Savior, we light this candle of love. Hear the word of the Lord: “I have loved you with an everlasting love. My command is this: Love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

For the one who opened the stable doors of yesterday, and for those who open their hearts today to the love of God, we give thanks.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalms 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

GRADUAL HYMN

H265 v1-2, The angel Gabriel

Gabriel's Message

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45, [46-55]

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

H265, v 3-4, The angel Gabriel

Gabriel's Message

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Doxology & procession	H380, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	<i>Old 100th</i>

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	H577, God is love	<i>Ubi caritas</i>
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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, Sean Gray, and Debra Wynn.

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, Ivan Rosheuvel, Zachery Smith, Julia Joyner, and Tom Hitcchcock.

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.*

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 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!

Penella Chapman (12/23), Natalie Payne (12/24), Verona Satchell (12/25), Zollie White III (12/27), David & Anne Powell (12/22), James & Pamela Fort (12/23).

Serving today, Sunday, December 22

Crucifer: Mr. Joseph Sams III

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Mr. Hollis Sams

LEM: Mr. Zollie White II

Vestry: Dr. Shuan Laurie MD

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delores Grayson
Mrs. Delois Brown

Lectors: Mr. Collin Laurie

Mr. Zollie White II

Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Mr. Joseph Sams III

Organist: Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

AV: Mr. Sean Warren

Ushers & Greeters: Mrs. Linda Billups
Ms. Eugenia Chapman

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 23 to December 28

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

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

Your Offertory

Please note: Anyone who has missed placing your contribution into the collection plate, please raise your hand and one of the ushers or vestry person will take it to ensure it is included in today's collection report

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 until the end of this service.

Bible Class

The Bible Class will remain in recess until the new year, when the program resumes.

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.

Return of Pledge Cards

Each Sunday, we continue to receive pledge cards, which are duly blessed during the Eucharist. If you did not receive your card in the mail, do let us know, so we can send along another. There are additional cards waiting for you in the vestibule. See you on Sunday.

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

U.B.E.

A gentle reminder to all Union of Black Episcopal members of the Fr. David H. Brooks Chapter here in Tallahassee, that dues are to be submitted to the treasurer Charlie Clark at your earliest convenience.

Pray for Robert, Sean and Zackery

Robert Deputron, whom we have been praying for, is doing better. We need however to make intercession for Sean Gray of Jacksonville who was released from hospital recently. We are also being asked to pray for Zackery Smith of Canada (Genevieve's nephew).

Keep Valaria in prayer

Valaria Lightburne, a former parishioner of the rector, who resides in the Bahamas, lost her home to a devastating fire a couple of days ago. Bishop Laish Boyd (her Bishop) has launched a GoFundMe account to assist with the rebuilding. The Bishop is asking that, if we are able as a parish, to send along our donation – sign in to gofundme.com with google.com.

Pray for the Province of the West Indies

The Province of the West Indies (8 dioceses make up the province), is currently without an archbishop as the former, The Most Rev. Howard Gregory, retired after achieving the age of 72. As the province awaits the election of the new primate, the Rt. Rev. Philip Wright (Bishop of Belize) is serving in an acting capacity. Bishop Wright is a relative of our own Elizabeth Humes.

Praying for Safe Travel

As we prepare to celebrate the great Festival of our Lord's Nativity, some of us will be traveling to be with loved ones. Our prayers go with you.

Fr. Hugh+

Our Condolences

We learned just over a week ago of the passing of Noah, the son of our own Lennie & DL Helfand. Noah was funeralized at Temple Israel on Friday at 10:00 am. Please keep Lennie and his entire family in your prayers.

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.