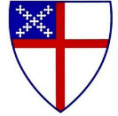


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Christmas Eve Eucharist
December 24, 2024, 8:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Choral Prelude – Carols to begin at 7:30 pm

H91, Break forth, O beautiful heavenly light	J.S. Bach
H81, Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming	<i>Es ist ein Ros</i>
H102, Once in Royal David's City	<i>Irby</i>
H107, Good Christian friends, rejoice	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>
H109, The first Nowell	<i>The First Nowell</i>

Acolytes light the middle candle, the church lights are lowered more, and the acolytes will take the light from the Christ candle and light the candle of the persons closest to center aisle, who will then pass the light to people in their pew row.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

In gratitude for the One announced by the light of stars and angels, we light the Christ candle. Hear the word of the Lord: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." For the Light of Christ that shines in the darkness for all people in all times, we give thanks.

Go now and share the good news of the gospel of peace: I have come to comfort those who mourn, to give them joy instead of sorrow, hope instead of despair. My unfailing love will not be shaken; my promise of peace stands forever. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.

For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," has made His light shine in your hearts. No one lights a lamp and hides it. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. In the same way, let your light shine. You are the light of the world. Go now as children of light.

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

PRELUDE

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 **H83, O come, all ye faithful** *Adeste fideles*

THE WORD OF GOD

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COLLECT OF THE DAY Insert

GLORIA **L243, Glory, Glory, Hallelujah** Haywood

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

GRADUAL HYMN **H96, v1-2, Angels we have heard on high** *Gloria*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-4 The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN **H96, v 3-4, Angels we have heard on high** *Gloria*

THE SERMON The Reverend Hugh Chapman

THE NICENE CREED **358**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM 1 **383**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION **360**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY SELECTION **Silent Night** *Stille Nacht*
Mr. Augusto Giroto (in Portuguese)

DOXOLOGY **H380, v 3 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.*

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!

Natalie Payne (12/24), Verona Satchell (12/25), and Zollie White III (12/27).

Serving today, Tuesday, December 24.

LEM: Mr. John Grayson

Gospel Book Bearer/MC:

Crucifer: Mr. Collin Laurie

Vestry:

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delois Brown

Lectors: Mr. Collin Laurie

Ms. Margaret Edwards

Ms. Leslie Warren

Organist: Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

Vocalist: Mr. Augusto Giroto

AV: Ms. Leslie Warren

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

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

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

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.*

FOR UNTO TO US A CHILD IS BORN!

These words capture the essence of the Christmas Story and indeed our Lord's Nativity. For prophecy was fulfilled when the Christ was born in the city of Bethlehem, as Isaiah prophesied thousands of years before. I am often left wondering what Joseph and Mary experienced that night when Jesus (our Lord and Savior) was born. See the gospels do not capture those details (we know about the manger, animals etc.), but not much about their reactions. I can imagine they were proud and awestruck as any of us would have been. And like us, they would have seen in their precious little baby all of their hopes and dreams of the coming years as a family together. However, wrapped in those swaddling clothes was more than an infant, it was the embodiment of Mary and Joseph's hope and promise and the fulfillment of their lives. I can also imagine Joseph thinking about how, one day, he would get Jesus a set of tools so he could be a craftsman like him you know making items, useful ones that would be long-lasting – and Mary, how she would tell him stories and sing him songs, maybe even teach him to be useful around the house (that's what mothers do) and how to listen to his heart and other people as well. Come to think of it, babies symbolize our hopes and dreams for the future – causing us to think of the future. In the case of Jesus's birth, there was more, for wrapped up in the birth of Jesus, was not only hopes and dreams for Mary and Joseph alone, but the hopes and dreams of all creation – yes you and me. The birth of Jesus signaled the start of a new covenant and a new order of being in which our God judges us not on the basis of our righteousness, but on the basis of His grace and love. As Paul the Apostle opined in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18), therefore if anyone is in Christ (he) she is a new creation. The old things have passed away, Behold all things have become new! So what we celebrate and rightly so is the nativity of our Lord, but also the beginning of a new way of life made possible by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Here's more, this new way should cause us not to lift up sword against each other (Micah 4:3). This new way should help us recognize our common humanity (Galatians 3:28). Yes, this new way should cause us to see others for who they truly are – fellow human beings!

So friends let us celebrate the new way God opened to us just over 2000 years as we observe his Son's birth with all the gifts, liturgies and special hymns we sing at Christmas.

Blessings and peace.

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.