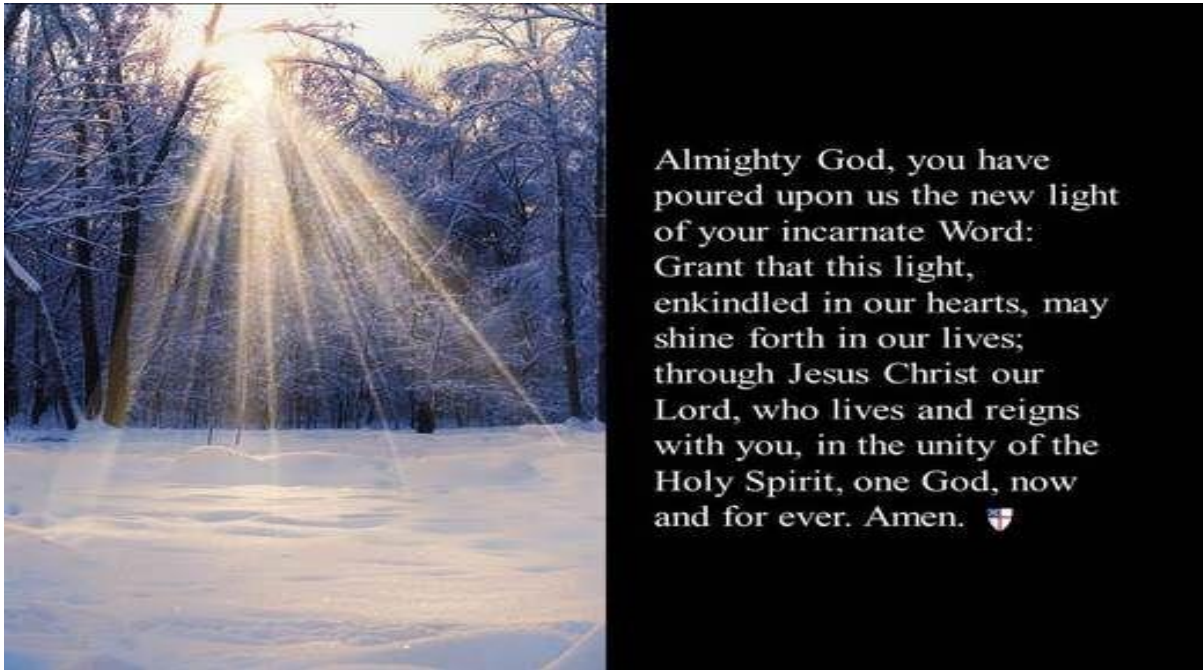


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.*



The True Light

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

OPENING PRAYER

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A207, Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

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*]

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 147

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

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

GRADUAL HYMN

A212, v1 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Spiritual

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

A212, v2 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Spiritual

THE SERMON

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY	A204, O Little Town of Bethlehem	ST. LOUIS
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	A651, 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	A202, Go Tell It on the Mountain	Spiritual
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	A209, Away in a Manger	MEULLER
MEDITATION HYMN	A206, Angels We Have Heard on High	GLORIA
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
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RECESSIONAL HYMN	A197, Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
DISMISSAL		

A= African American Hymnal (ivory).

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, 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 Hitchcock .

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.*

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 grow in mutual love and understanding, in courtesy and kindness, so that they 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!

Kobimdi Okafor (12/29), Charles Hruda (12/29), Ivan Kenny Carmola (12/30), Laureatte Scott (12/31), Anna white (12/31), Akachi Anwuri (1/3), Prokop and Simone Hruda (1/3)

Serving today, Sunday, December 29.

LEM: Mr. James Fort

Gospel Book Bearer/MC:

Crucifer: Mr. Charlie Clark

Vestry: Mr. Charlie Clark

Altar Guild: Mrs. Delois Brown

Lectors: Mr. Charlie Clerk

Ms. Chenikka Usher

Ms. Margaret Edwards

Organist: Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

AV: Mr. Thomas Payne

Usher & Greeters:

Ms. Chenikka Usher

Ms. Elizabeth Humes

Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Christmas : December 30 to January 4.

Mon. Isa. 62:1-5,10-12

Psalm .103

Matt.1:18-25

Tue. 1 Kings 19:1-8

Psalm .34

John 6:1-14

Wed. 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm .68

John 6:15-27

Thurs. Joshua 3:14-4:7

Psalm .85

John 9:1-12,35-38

Fri. Jonah 2:2-9

Psalm .2

John 11:17-27,38-44

Sat. Isa. 49:1-7

Psalm .46

Matt.12:14-21

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 weeks ago. Bishop Laish Boyd (her Bishop) has launched a GoFundMe account to assist with the rebuilding of her home. The Bishop is asking that, if we are able as a parish, to send along our donation – sign in to [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) with [google.com](https://www.google.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector to go on Sabbatical

The rector will proceed on Sabbatical as of January 1, 2025, and return February 1, 2025. The canons of the Episcopal Church dictate and recommend that after a priest has served in a parish for six (6) continuous years, he/she is entitled to a sabbatical (leave) between one (1) and three (3) months. Fr. Hugh completed his seventh year in September, and therefore the vestry at the urging of Bishop Scott Benhase, has granted him this special time away. During his absence, the Senior Warden Dr. Shaun Laurie will have full responsibility for the parish, and he will be assisted by the Junior Warden Charlie Clark, the Clerk of Vestry Margaret Edwards and the Treasurer Laureatte Scott. In his absence the parish will be served by two (2) priests Mtr. Leslie Roraback of St. John's Episcopal (January 12th) and Fr. Swelion Lewis of Liberia (19th). For January 5th and 26th our worship leaders will offer Morning Prayer and there will be two (2) guest preachers. In the event of a pastoral emergency (sudden illness requiring the presence of a priest), the office is to be contacted immediately (Margaret, Charlie or Elizabeth), and they will ensure that a priest is made available to address the concern. Fr. Lonnie Lacy of St. John's will work closely with our Ministry Team during the absence of the rector.

Spencer Stapleton Passes

Spencer Stapleton, the former senior warden of our rector when he served at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church in the Virgin Islands, passed from time to eternity on Christmas Eve. He has left to mourn his daughter Yvette and Spencer Jr. of North Carolina. Spencer was a founding member of St. Ursula episcopal Church on the island of St. John. His wife Camilla predeceased him just over two years ago. At this time we ask that you keep his loved ones and relatives in your prayers, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. May Spencer rest in peace and rise in glory.

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).

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

The Christmas Story

On this first Sunday after the great festival of Christmas, let us look again at what our God did for this world. We remember especially the fortitude shown by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was very pregnant with Jesus, and yet made the perilous trip to Bethlehem, just so she could support Joseph to whom she was engaged at the time.

Adding to her great discomfort, was the mode of transport available – a donkey upon which she sat for hours on end! And then when they got to Bethlehem, there was no proper accommodation, not even a cheap hotel (no room in the inn). Mary had to settle for a stable, a place where animals were kept for the winter, and I often think of that dark, smelly and chaotic scene that confronted this teenage mother getting ready to give birth to the savior of the world. How paradoxical, the Prince of Peace, the King of Glory, God's only Son, when he came to this world, there was no pageantry or midwife to help at the moment of delivery. Can you picture it? Yet, there was no complaint, unless the evangelists failed to make mention of it. Instead Mary did what mothers do for us, care, cuddle and console her infant, who must have wondered about the gaze of those animals and the strange sounds that they made!!

Some theologians of our church, have described the birth of our Lord as nothing short of a scandal – as if to say what was God thinking, allowing His only begotten son to be born in a manger in the midst of winter! They say the scandal did not end there, for in fact this Son grew up in a working class family that perhaps stayed just above the poverty level. And of course we know what happened to Jesus at Calvary for going about doing good. Jesus ended up dying like a common criminal, abandoned by those who promised to never leave or forsake Him. Time does not permit me to make reference to the insults and naked opposition that Jesus faced as he sought to minister trying to tell those who listen, about God's love, as He went about feeding the hungry and healing broken bodies and minds. Look what Jesus got for living and doing what God wanted and asked Him to do!

Have we thought about what we are being expected to do for Him in this world or what we may be called to do for Him in 2025? Our world is markedly different from the first century, but still there is hostility, cruelty and a stench because of the poverty and inhumanity that pervades our country and yes, our World! So will we still follow Jesus and help Him make this world a better place? Pray we will all do. Happy 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.*

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OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body, and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.