

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m.



The Escape to Egypt

MORNING PRAYER – RITE TWO

Officiant – Mr. James Fort

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

OPENING PRAYER

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

H100, Joy to the world!

Antioch

CONFESSION OF SIN

(All together, kneeling)

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THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

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People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory 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. Alleluia.*

VENITE ***(Read in unison)***

Psalm 95:1-7

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Congregation is seated

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Insert

PSALM

84:1-8

Insert

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Insert

CANTICLE 21 ***(Read in unison)***

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SEQUENCE HYMN

H84, Love came down at Christmas

Gartan

THE SERMON

Rev. James C. Vaughn, Jr.

Please be seated for the Offertory

OFFERTORY HYMN

H82, Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

All Stand

Presentation of the Offering—Prayer to be said by Officiant

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUFFRAGE B

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COLLECT OF THE DAY/COLLECT FOR RENEWAL/COLLECT FOR PEACE)

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

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MUSICAL INTERLUDE

H112, In the bleak mid-winter

Cranham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

H128, We three kings

Three Kings of Orient

DISMISSAL

H= 1882 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, 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 William, 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.*

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.*

Serving today, Sunday, January 5.

Crucifer: Mr. Zollie White II

Vestry: Dr. Shaun Laurie

Altar Guild: Dr. Delores Lawson

Lectors: Mr. Zollie White II

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Dr. Neil James

Organist: Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

AV: Ms. Eugenia Chapman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Kevin Williams (1/9).

Suggested daily Readings for the Second Sunday after Christmas Jan. 6 – Jan. 11

Mon.	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 68	John 6:15-27
Tue.	Joshua 3:14-4:7	Psalm 85	John 9:1-12, 35-38
Wed.	Jonah 2:2-9	Psalm 2	John 11:17-27, 38-44
Thurs.	Isa.52:7-10	Psalm 46	Matt. 12 14-21
Fri.	Isa. 52:3-6	Psalm 103	John 2:1-11
Sat.	Isa. 59:15-21	Psalm 117	John 4:46-54

Bible Class

Our Bible Class resumes next Wednesday (January 8th) at 6:00 pm. The group will continue its study of the prophecies of Micah. The link is:

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

Meeting ID: 880 4708 9010 Passcode: 118512

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Stapleton Family

The funeral service for the late Spencer Stapleton will take place on the Island of St. John U.S.V.I on Saturday, January 25th. Do continue to keep the family in prayer.

Samuel Sayon Passes

Samuel Sayon, brother of Porteh Sayon of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, passed from time to eternity on Friday December 27th in Liberia. At this time we ask that you keep Porteh and his family in prayer

Student Sunday

Student Sunday will take place on February 9, 2025. During the service, we will celebrate our students and pay homage with traditional African American Spirituals. Immediately following the service, a fellowship will be hosted by the SMAA Campus Ministry in the parish hall. **Optional attire: Collegewear Casual.**

Grace Mission is grateful

Mtr. Rachel of Grace Mission has asked Charlie Clerk to convey her thanks for the fantastic response of SMAA to the Christmas Tree Appeal on behalf of the homeless community. Charlie estimates that we contributed about \$1200 in both cash and kind.

Angela Returns Safely

Angela Bruton and her family members returned safely from Bolivia on Sunday, December 29th. We thank God for their safe return.

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.

Your Offering

Please note: Anyone who missed placing their contribution in the collection plate must indicate the same to our ushers or the vestry person on duty and they will ensure that your contribution is properly recorded.

Keep in Prayer

We ask that you keep in prayer— Delores Brown, John McClendon, James Varlack, Ivie Birch, JoAnn Robinson, Herma Watson-Taylor, John Melville, and Ivan Rosheuvell, as they remain in the doctor's care.

Accepting Criticism

(Proverbs 10:17-10)

Rev. James C. Vaughn, Jr.

Have you ever encountered anyone who welcomes and accepts criticism as a necessity of life? Though it can be both positive and productive, criticism is not something anyone stands on the street corner flagging down. If the truth be told, no one welcomes criticism because it is often unsolicited and, in most cases, not fun. However, I have come to learn over the years that criticism, given in the right tone of voice and with the right purpose and plan in mind, can be very helpful. Though often never solicited and usually not fun, we serve a God who is able to take an arrogant attitude and still bring something amicable out of what we need to hear.

The challenge facing everyone is to learn how to pay attention, listen to, and navigate through the criticism being leveled at you. Invited or not, criticism gives you the opportunity to examine yourself, reflect, take notice of your faults, and learn from them. Perhaps the Greek philosopher, Socrates, was onto something when he said to his students: "The unexamined life is not worth living," written in Plato's Apology. Those words were rendered by Socrates during his trial for impiety and corrupting the youth in 399 BCE. Those words were what Plato called the city's slanders against him. In the quote Socrates was suggesting that any unexamined life is one that lacks meaning and purpose, and that only by striving to understand yourself can your life come to have value. Socrates believed that without your questioning the world and things around you, you will act without reason and be unable to distinguish between good and bad actions. Therefore, if you fail to learn and listen, your potential for mental, emotional, and spiritual growth will be limited (Prov. 15:31).

Your assignment, then, is not to ignore the criticism, but rather investigate it correctly. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best when he said, "Not everything that comes across my desk warrants my attention." First, you must feverishly focus on not rejecting the criticism, but rather try to investigate so as to learn whether or not what was said is of value and ask God if He is trying to tell you something. The Bible offers some invaluable guidance on criticism, where the apostle Paul told the Ephesian church believers "speaking the truth in love" should be the primary guide for criticism. Then, though I know it may be tough, initiate your giving "thank you" to the person because they have added to your spiritual, emotional, and self-awareness growth.

Continue next week

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.