

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.



THE PROCLAMATION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven, who art the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

L141, Shall We Gather at the River

Lowry

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 43:1-7

Psalm 29

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 for ever. *Amen.*

Acts 8:14-17

GRADUAL HYMN

L121, v1-2 Baptized in the Water

Hancock

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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SEQUENCE HYMN

L121, v3 Baptized in the Water

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THE SERMON

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

L188, It Is Well with my Soul

Bliss

Please be seated for the Offertory

OFFERTORY	L123, Done Made My Vow	Spiritual
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	H56, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	HATTON

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	L145, Have Thine Own Way, Lord!	Stebbins
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
THE INVITATION		

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	L134, Take Me to the Water	Spiritual
MEDITATION HYMN	L143, Wade in the Water	Spiritual
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	L142, Sign me up	Yancy & Metcalfe
DISMISSAL		

L = Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (black/red)

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, 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.*

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!

Mr. J. Gerald Grayson (1/18)

Serving today, Sunday, January 12

LEM: Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Gospel Book Bearer/MC: Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Crucifer: Mr. Charlie Clark

Vestry: Ms. Chioma Onyeozili

Altar Guild: Dr. Delores Lawson

Lectors: Ms. Marie Roberts

Dr. Edith Onyeozili

Mrs. Pamela Greene

Organist: Mrs. Ivanna Kenny Carmola

AV: Mr. Christopher White

Suggested daily Readings for the Week of Epiphany I: January 13 to January 18

Mon.	Gen.2:4-25	Psalm .1	John 1:1-18
Tue.	Gen.3:1-24	Psalm .5	John 1:19-29
Wed.	Gen 4:1-16	Psalm .119	John 1: 29-42
Thurs.	Gen 4:17-26	Psalm .18:1-20	John 1:43-51
Fri.	Gen 6:1-8	Psalm .16	John 2:1-12
Sat.	Gen. 6:9-22	Psalm .20	John 2:13-22

Welcome Fr. Bill Trexler

Our St. Michael parish is grateful to Fr. Trexler for serving as our celebrant and preacher this morning. We thank Fr. Lonnie and St. John's for their willingness to share him with us. Fr. Trexler is a retired Lutheran Bishop who attends St. John's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Mission seeks Donor Relations Manager

Grace Mission is seeking a passionate and skilled Donor Relations Manager! This vital team player will cultivate and steward relationships with donors, ensuring their generosity supports our work with those struggling with poverty and homelessness. To learn more and apply, visit gracemission.net/who-we-are/donor-relations-manager.

Many Thanks and Blessings,
Jonathan Jackson
Grace Mission Advisory Board

Vestry to attend Retreat

On Saturday, January 11, five vestry members attended a Retreat/Conference at Camp Weed. Discussions included Financial Planning, Stewardship, Canon and Bylaws, Communication and Conflict Management, Trust Development and Balancing Tasks/responsibilities. Vestry members who attended were Junior Warden Charlie Clark, Clerk of Vestry Margaret Edwards, Treasurer Laureatte Scott, Linda Billups and Kimberly Douglas.

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.**

Return of Pledge Cards

If you have not already done so, please remember to return your pledge cards. If you did not receive your card in the mail, do let us know, so we can send another. There are additional cards waiting for you in the vestibule.

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.

Accepting Criticism - (Proverbs 10:17-10)

Continued from last week

At the heart of criticism for me is how it builds one's resilience, where the one who is being constructively criticized are called to push themselves beyond their comfort zones, as well as cultivate the ability to accept setbacks, bounce back from failures, and persevere in the face of adversity. The Bible reminds us that whether criticism is delivered with kindness or harshness, the intended goal is always for you to respond in a Christ-like manner. The apostle James reminds you, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). Remember, even as God is gracious to you when you have offended Him, you must respond accordingly to your sister or brother. Then, you must carefully and cautiously evaluate the criticism and determine what exactly is your solution- you personally, your character, your behavior, or your tone of expression. How you handle your criticism determines the degree and depth of your resolution. The Bible admonishes one to use their speech to edify (1 Thess. 5:11) and to stimulate (Gal. 6:1).

Finally, always view criticism, whether constructive or destructive, as an opportunity for your growth, contemplative reflection, and an opportunity to provide you a fresh perspective and alternative viewpoint. No biblical leader was criticized more than was Moses. The Israelites, for example, criticized him when he appeared before Pharaoh in order to set the stage for the work that God was about to do in freeing them from Egyptian bondage; they criticized him on the banks of the Red Sea; and they criticized him just before their passage into the land of promise about not having water. As you will remember, from the very first day of Moses' call and commission to lead the Israelites from Egyptian bondage to Canaan freedom, his leadership was plagued by the people with criticism and complaints. According to a research study conducted by the Fuller Institute, 1,500 pastors leave their churches every year, 61% of them are forced out by their congregations, and close to 3,700 churches close their doors every year. Why this type of behavior amongst God's people? It is solely because of a critical spirit rather than loving disposition. Yet, Moses endured the criticism, and he did something that was absolutely one of the most challenging things to do when you are constantly faced with criticism and complaints- He taught us something about how to remain faithful to God, focused on His divine design (Jer. 29:11), and remind you that God is always on your side, regardless of the depth of your relationship with Christ Jesus- you are not immune from criticism.

In conclusion, never forget that Jesus' death on the cross and His Resurrection on the third day is your assurance of his acceptance of you, and His disapproval by others really does not matter at the end of the day. As you learn to graciously respond to your criticisms and complaints correctly and with love, you will notice how God will bless you and you will find yourself growing in His abundance.

Rev. James C. Vaughn

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.