

# St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.*



*"True Peace is not merely the absence  
of tension; it is the presence of justice."*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

OPENING PRAYER

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**L46, Blessed Martin, Pastor, Prophett**

*Martin's Song*

### 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 62:1-5**

**Psalm 36:5-10**

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.*

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

GRADUAL HYMN

**L198, v-2, Love Lifted Me**

Smith

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 2:1-11**

The Rev. Slewion Lewis

SEQUENCE HYMN

**L198, v3, Love Lifted Me**

Smith

THE SERMON

The Rev. Slewion Lewis

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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	<b>L281, Prayer for Africa</b>	Sontonga
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	<b>H56, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	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	<b>L228, go Down Moses</b>	Spiritual
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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
THE INVITATION		

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN	<b>L227, We Shall Overcome</b>	Spiritual
MEDITATION HYMN	<b>L136, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</b>	Indian folk Melody
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>L229, Keep the Dream Alive</b>	Brinson
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, Tom Hitchcock and Donald Pinder Sr.

### **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!**

Chioma Onyeozili (1/20), Nwamaka Onyeozili (1/22), Ebenezer Oriaku (1/22), Sam Oliver III (1/22), Delores Lawson (1/25), Chenikka Usher (1/25), Carly Allen (1/25).

### Serving today, Sunday, January 19

**Acolytes:** Mr. Omar Mongerie  
Ms. Sierra Mongerie

**LEM:** Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. Joseph Sams III

**Crucifer:** Mr. James Ford

**Vestry:** Mr. Charlie Clark

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Delores Grayson

**Lectors:** Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

Ms. Chenikka Usher

Mr. Joseph Sams III

**Organist:** Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

**AV:** Mrs. Sherika White

**Ushers & Greeters:**

Ms. Chenikka Usher

Ms. Marie Roberts

Ms. Elizabeth Humes

Mrs. Tresia Mongerie

### Suggested daily Readings for the Week of Epiphany 2: January 20 to January 25

Mon.	Gen. 8:6-22	Psalm 25	John 2:23-3:15
Tue.	Gen. 9:1-17	Psalm 26, 28	John 3:16-21
Wed.	Gen. 9:18-29	Psalm 38	John 3:22-36
Thurs.	Gen 11:1-9	Psalm 37:1-18	John 4:1-15
Fri.	Gen 11:27-12:8	Psalm 31	John 4:16-26
Sat.	Gen. 12:9-13:1	Psalm .30, 32	John 4:27-42

### Congratulations Dr. Kathleen Rodgers

On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Annual MLK breakfast sponsored by the NAACP and the Leon County School District, two scholars from each secondary school and special site were given an award in the name - "The Dr. Kathleen L. Rodgers Dreamer and Doers." Dr. Rodgers says, "it's an honor and pleasure to have this award in my name."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome Fr. Lewis**

Our St. Michael Parish welcomes Rev. Slewion Lewis of Liberia who is our celebrant and preacher today. Following the Eucharist he will share highlights of his Liberian Ministry with us in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be provided by the vestry.

### **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](http://gracemission.net/who-we-are/donor-relations-manager).

### **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.

### **ERD seeks support for Southern California Wildfire**

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected Dioceses as they assess needs in their communities. In addition to our continuing prayers, ways to support this effort may be found at their website: [engagement@episcopalrelief.org](mailto:engagement@episcopalrelief.org).



Use this QR code to support ERD's Southern California wildfires response.

## Is Jesus Your Friend?

(John 15:13-15)

*Rev. James C. Vaughn, Jr.*

It is without question that Christ Jesus is our LORD, Savior, Master, Counselor, Way Maker, Doctor, Lawyer, and Potter, but do you also know of Him as your friend? The Scriptures are exhaustive concerning Jesus is our friend, a friend who sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). The Gospel calls us to trust Jesus as our Savior, submit to Him as our King, obey Him as our LORD and Master, and value Him as our Treasure. But more than anything, the Gospel also calls us to enjoy, encounter, and explore Jesus as your friend. Jesus is our friend, but not of equal status. For example, yes Jesus washed His disciples' feet, but His subsequent teaching (John 15:13-15) and His repeatedly calling and commanding them to obey His commands (John 13:35; 14:15,21,23-24), where a friend of Jesus is an obedient and subordinate servant.

If you do not read and reflect on the text meticulously, you will miss what Jesus is talking about when He calls His followers friend. In the John 15 text, Jesus is referring to friendship with Him as "reciprocity" and "obligation". In teaching about the vine and branches, Jesus is unequivocal in making the point that we can do nothing without Him (John 15:5). Therefore, Jesus' ultimate definition of friendship with Him simply means we have a relationship with Him that demands obedience: "*You are my friends if you do what I command you*" (John 15:14).

For me, the unique benefit of our being a friend of Christ Jesus is the "access to the Father" which only He gives. The benefit of friendship with the LORD is how He (Jesus) brokers our access to His Daddy. In the ancient world of the Roman Empire, when the slave was set free, once that relationship was redefined after the manumission, they became a client to the former master, pleading life long loyalty. The sole benefit of the manumitted slave was they now could exercise and experience a vertical relationship with their master, moving from social death to social life. This newfound relationship in Jesus' discussion is how He "brokers" access to His Daddy. I believe Sophocles, in his play (Oedipus the King, 771-74) talks about the master functions as a broker, where Jesus declares "no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6) and to "ask the Father in My Name" (John 15:16).

*Continued 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.*

### *About Us*

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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.