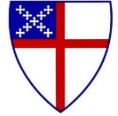


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

THE FEAST OF ABSALOM JONES



Absalom Jones, Priest 1818

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

PRELUDE

Mr. Christopher White, Soloist

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the 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

L44, Blessed Absalom

Lauda Anima

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT OF PURITY

GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS

Congregation is seated

Isaiah 42:5-9

Insert

Psalm 126

Insert

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.*

Galatians 5:1-5

Insert

GRADUAL HYMN

L55 v1, In God we Trust

Anonymous

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:12-15

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

L55, v2, In God We Trust

Anonymous

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Insert

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE **L210, Down by the riverside** Spiritual
Please be seated for the Offertory

OFFERTORY **L223, Joshua fit the Battle of Jerico** 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 **L65, Bless the Lord** Crouch

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP pg. 367

SANCTUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE INVITATION

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN **L59, My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me** Gabriel

MEDITATION HYMN **Steal Away** Solo
Mr. Zollie White II

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS Brief address by Ms. Angula Bruton
Acting President of The Brooks Chapter

RECESSIONAL HYMN **L234, God Be with You** Dorsey

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, Kacey 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, Will Baker, 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.

Ushers & Greeters

Mrs. Sharal Juggar, Mrs. Linda Billups, Ms. Marie Roberts, Ms. Elizabeth Humes and Mrs. Shonna Laurie

SPECIAL 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.*

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!

Nelson James (2/17), Nestor James (2/17), Noliyanda James (2/17), Randolph Frazier III (2/19), and Margaret Edwards (2/22).

Serving today, Sunday February 16

Acolytes: Kareem Usher, Jr.
Santiago Mejias

LEM: Mr. James Fort

Gospel Book Bearer/MC:
Mr. Zollie White II

Crucifer Mr. Joseph Sams

Vestry: Ms. Chioma Onyeozili

Lectors: Dr. Edith Onyeozili
Mrs. JoAnn Robinson
Ms. Marie Roberts

Organist: Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola

AV: Mr. Sean Warren-Bailey

Altar Guild: Dr. Delores Lawson

Suggested daily Readings for the Week of Epiphany 6: Feb. 17-Feb. 22.

Mon.	Gen. 30:1-24	Psalm 89:1-18	John 9:1-17
Tue.	Gen.31:1-24	Psalm 97, 99	John 9:18-41
Wed.	Gen 31:25-50	Psalm 101	John 10:1-18
Thurs.	Gen 32:3-21	Psalm 105:1-22	John 10:19-30
Fri.	Gen 32:22 - 33:17	Psalm 102	John 10:31-42
Sat.	Gen. 35:1-20	Psalm 107:33-43	John 11:1-16

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Address made at the Capital Justice Ministry Leaders Gathering (Feb 11th)

I shall begin this address with a prayer—

God of Love, Justice and Peace, we gather in your name, to seek your blessing, so that we may fulfil your call upon our lives to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly before you. Father, these are unsettling times in which to get anything done, so help us, so that we do not lose heart or the vision that you have shared with us, as a Capital Area Justice Ministry Family. We ask these petitions in your Holy Name and for your sake. Amen.

I have entitled my brief address—the Case for Justice. Those of us who have had the privilege of studying Hebrew scripture and the Old Testament in particular, are left in no doubt that several of these Old Testament prophets and in particular those of the Eight Century, were justice warriors. Many of these prophets like Amos (my favorite), who said to his Jewish people, “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.” Amos as many other prophets of his day, gave concrete and real life examples of what they saw wrong with their society—workers being robbed of their wages, the poor often cheated, and widows left wondering if anybody cared (left with heartburn as we would say today). Friends, whenever people are taken advantage of, when the poor cry, when those engaged in business dealings, do so at the expense of almost everyone, the prophets said that the God of Justice, hears the cry of those cheated and comes to their aid. When those who are “at ease in Zion”, just drinking wine and living in palatial buildings (truly enjoying themselves), do so instead of sharing the burdens of the disadvantaged and the most vulnerable in their midst, the God of Heaven is displeased and intervenes on behalf of the exploited.

If we attribute human emotions to our God, then whenever His people are beaten down, it surely brings tears to His eyes and awakens His anger. So what has the foregoing got to do with us Justice Warriors here in Tallahassee? Much I'm afraid, for we should not sleep comfortably when our neighbors in another zip code of our city are not able to sleep well or feel safe, because of gun violence. Indeed, we should twist and turn in our beds, thinking of that family that could not afford their rent and is perhaps facing eviction. Come to think of it, we should all have indigestion, if we know or hear of a single family made to face food insecurity, yes, those little ones who sometimes go to bed hungry. Shall we only pray for them? I am afraid not. For our God comes to the assistance of those in need, no faith, to stand in the gap for those who cry out to Him. For this task, he has given us a vehicle, it is

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called the Capital Area Justice Ministry—and we want everyone to climb on board, certainly if you care about people, so together we can seek justice on behalf of those who are wondering how much longer they must suffer. For this effort to be successful, we shall be needing much more than mere enthusiasm—that is good, but instead, we need commitment that requires us to be present at gatherings, bringing our friends with us and our checks as well—this vehicle will need fuel and will have to be maintained!

You know there are some in our community who predicted that CAJM will fold up and die. Yes, people will get tired and fall off the wagon—you know lose the thrill and move on. They are wrong, for we are still here and by God’s grace and His help, we will still be here until Justice is the mantra by which we all live—until every square inch of our community is safe, until everyone is properly housed and there is enough food for every mouth to be fed.

As I close, let us go back to our churches, our networks, and make sure that the message of justice is proclaimed—loudly and boldly, for if there is no justice, there can be no peace. Come to think of it, we run the risk of continuing to break the heart of our God, who hears every cry and stoops down and wipes the tears away of those who are sad. His will and purpose in every age, is to set the oppressed and captives free!

Fr. Hugh+

Annual General Meeting

At the vestry meeting held last Monday, it was decided that the date for our AGM will be Sunday March 30 immediately following the celebration of the Eucharist. Those wishing to offer themselves to serve on vestry or as delegates to Diocesan Convention (September 2025) please indicate the same to the parish office. Biographies (indicating years of membership, and other pertinent information) will be helpful.

Fr. Hugh+

Relationship being launched between – SMAA and Grace Mission Liberia and SMAA, Tallahassee.

Fr. Slewion Lewis who visited with us while the rector was out on sabbatical, has pitched a proposal that will benefit Grace Episcopal Church, Liberia, which is in need of pews and windows. The vestry has embraced the project (costing \$2,500 US) and now invites all of us to contribute to this laudable effort. Fr. Lewis is the priest-in-charge also of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Liberia. Check the full request on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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.