

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*December 07, 2025, 10:00 a.m.*  
*Advent Lessons and Music*



*The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE**  
**LITURGY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC**

**PRELUDES**

**L6, Christ is Coming**

Bonnemere

**H56, O come, O come, Emmanuel**

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**L9, On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

American Melody

LIGHTING OF CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT OF PEACE

**Narrator:** An angel of the Lord appeared to simple shepherds, saying "today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Suddenly the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom His favor rests."

In gratitude for the shepherds who were the first to see the Prince of Peace, we light this candle of peace. The announcement of His birth was not to royalty, nor to the famous, but to the simple, common people of the day. After they had seen Him lying in the manger, the shepherds told everyone they met about this Child. The bearer of peace. Hear the word of the Lord: "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace, for there is a future for the people of peace. For yesterday's simple shepherds and for today's ordinary people across the globe who welcome peace and work on its behalf, we give thanks.

**A BIDDING PRAYER**

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem where we behold the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our turning away from Him until the time of our redemption in the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, born a child, living among us, and dying to set us free. Let us give thanks for the yearly remembrance of His birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, we pray for the needs of all people, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which He gave His life, even now here in this country, in this city, and in this congregation.

And because He loves us so much, let us remember in His name the poor, the helpless, those this day who are cold and hungry, the oppressed, the sick, those who mourn, those who are alone, the aged, little children, and all people who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God His mother, Mary, and Joseph journeying on the road to Bethlehem, persons chosen to bear the life of Christ into the world, to raise Him up in the ways of goodness and right, and the whole multitude of persons which no one can number, whose hope remains in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, summing up these petitions, let us pray in the words which our Lord Christ himself has taught us, saying:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

May God the Father bless us with His grace, find us receptive to goodness and mercy in His Son our Lord, and bring us all in the power of His Holy Spirit to the joy of His everlasting Kingdom. ***Amen.***

## THE WORD OF GOD

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Insert

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:4b-9 and 15-25

***(God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden)***

Silence to be observed

**L2, Behold Your God**

Louis

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

***(God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption)***

Silence to be observed

**L11, Prepare Ye the Way**

Moore

THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 7:10-15	
	<b><i>(God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us”)</i></b>	
	Silence to be observed	
	<b>L4, Better Be Ready</b>	Spiritual
FOURTH LESSON	Micah 5:2-4	
	<b><i>(The one who is to rule Israel will be born in Bethlehem)</i></b>	
	Silence to be observed	
	<b>L22, Mary Borne a Baby</b>	Spiritual
FIFTH LESSON	Zephaniah 3:14-18	
	<b><i>(The Lord will be among us, we are summoned to rejoice and sing)</i></b>	
	Silence to be observed	
	<b>L16, You Are Near</b>	Schutte
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 1:5-25	
	<b><i>(An Angel tells Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, will bear a son)</i></b>	
	Silence to be observed	
	<b>H-S251, Song of Zechariah</b>	Wesley
HOLY GOSPEL	Matthew 3:1-12	Postulant, Ms. Sophie Grasserode
SPECIAL ADDRESS		The Reverend Hugh Chapman
THE NICENE CREED		BCP Pg. 326
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THE PEACE	<b>L210, Down By the Riverside</b>	Spiritual
OFFERTORY	<b>A192, Sign Me Up</b>	Yancey
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	<b>A650, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	Hatton
<i>Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said</i>		
<p>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. <b>Amen.</b></p>		
PRESENTATION HYMN	<b>A195, My Lord! What a Morning</b>	Spiritual

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1 ( <i>remain standing</i> ) – <i>if you are able.</i>	BCP Pg. 333
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## HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 1	<b>H67, Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People</b>	<i>Psalm 42</i>
COMMUNION HYMN 2	<b>H58, Lo! He Comes</b>	<i>St. Thomas</i>
MEDITATION HYMN	<b>H55, Redeemer of All Nations</b>	<i>Veni Redemptor gentium</i>
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>A193, Soon and Very Soon</b>	Crouch
DISMISSAL		
Postlude		

A=African American Hymnal (Ivory)

H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

L=Lift Every Voice & Sing (black, green, red)

## 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.*

### **Capital Campaign**

Our Capital Campaign, under the leadership of Kimberly Douglas, is about to issue a letter to would-be donors. Do we know of any agency, business concern that ought to be solicited? Let Kimberly know at 850-284-6785 or email: [kadklh@yahoo.com](mailto:kadklh@yahoo.com)

## **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!***

Karen Goodlett (12/9), Rosalyn Greene (12/10), Brooks David Duncan (12/10).

### **Serving today, Sunday, December 07**

**Crucifer:** Mr. Joseph Sams, III

**Acolytes:** Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan  
Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. James Fort

**LEM:** Mr. Byron Greene

**Vestry:** Mr. Al Lawson, Jr.

**Altar Guild:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Musicians:** Mr. Augusto Girotto, bass  
Ms. Jackie Jenkins, alto  
Ms. Cassidy Clarke  
Ms. Sophonise Pierre  
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Mrs. Linda Billups

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Dr. Edith Onyeozili  
Dr. Neil James  
Ms. Margaret Edwards  
Dr. Cyndy Stewart

**AV:**

**Organists:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur  
Mrs. Ivana Kenny Carmola  
Mr. Christopher White, drums  
Mr. Xavier Glasgow, saxophone  
Mr. Matias Quiceno, trombone

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### The Advent Season

Advent (adventus i.e. Latin), is the Ecclesiastical Season immediately before the great Festival of Christmas. Long ago, Advent was viewed as the “little Lent”, with believers being encouraged to avoid all festivities, and instead engage in forms of fasting. Today, the vestments worn by the clergy are always purple, except for the third Sunday of Advent. In keeping with the “penitential” nature of the Season, the Gloria in Excelsis is always omitted as well as the Glorias from the Eucharist. Additionally, we Episcopalians/Anglicans, are admonished to reflect on the four last things—death, judgment, heaven and hell, as we prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of the Lord.

### A Special Welcome

On behalf of our church family, I bid a warm welcome to all who are joining us today for this Service of Lessons and Carols. We are truly delighted to have a number of musicians (college students) join as well, and so thank you for coming. *Fr. Hugh+*

### Advent/Christmas Schedule of Services

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/14/2025	Children's Service	10:00 am
12/24/25	Christmas Eve Eucharist	8:00 pm
12/25/25	Christmas Day	11:00 am
12/28/25	Holy Innocents Day	10:00 am
12/30/25	Contemplative Eucharist	12:15 pm

### Contemplative Eucharist

Every Tuesday at 12:15 pm a mass is said at which a reading for the previous Sunday forms the basis for the interactive reflections shared. Actually the liturgical format for the service is different with a focus on prayer. If you are available do join us.

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 8 to December 13.

Mon.	Isa. 5:8-12,18-23	Psalm. 25	Luke 21:20-28
Tues.	Isa. 5:13-17,24-25	Psalm.26, 28	Luke 21:29-38
Wed.	Isa. 6:1-13	Psalm 38	John 7:53-8:11
Thurs.	Isa. 7:1-9	Psalm 37:1-18	Luke 22:1-13
Fri.	Isa. 7:10-25	Psalm 31	Luke 22:14-30
Sat.	Isa. 8:1-15	Psalm 30, 32	Luke 22:31-38

## 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.