

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*December 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.*



*THE LIGHT OF LOVE*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

# PRELUDE

## H56, O come, O come Emmanuel

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## H74, Blest be the King who is coming

*Valet will ich dir geben*

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH: LIGHT OF LOVE

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only son into the world that we might live through Him. The Son of the Most High was born in the humble surroundings of a stable, because there was no room in the inn.

In gratitude for the one who found room in his stable, and for all who have room in their hearts for the Savior, we light this candle of love. Hear the word of the Lord: “I have loved you with an everlasting love. My command is this: Love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

For the one who opened the stable doors of yesterday, and for those who open their hearts today to the love of God, we give thanks.

## THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE LESSONS *[Congregation is seated]*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

## Romans 1:1-7

## GRADUAL HYMN

## H265 v1-2, The angel Gabriel

### *Gabriel's Message*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 1:18-25

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## H265, v 3-4, The angel Gabriel

### *Gabriel's Message*

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Doxology & procession	<b>H380, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow</b>	<i>Old 100th</i>
<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. <i>Amen.</i></p>		
PRESENTATION HYMN	<b>H577, God is love</b>	<i>Ubi caritas</i>
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DISMISSAL		

*H=1982 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, Sean Gray, and Debra Wynn.

### **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, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Ann Dupree, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Will Baker, Ellie Potter, Lennie Helfand, Victor Laurie, Martha Laurie, Pamela Richards, Al Washington, Jesse Stewart, Catherine Davis, Zachery Smith, Julia Joyner, Anne Powell, Proctor Ford, Johnnie Flowers, Leonard Williams, Ethan Pritchard, Anni DePutron, Errol & Lona Chapman and Fr. I. Ranfurly Brown of Nasau.

### **For those who care for the sick**

Especially all doctors, nurses, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Robinson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Dr. Zollie White III, Zuri A. White, Cheston Williams, and Edwina Johnson.

### **For those in the Military**

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson, Douglas Sampson and Jaelyn Guyton.

## **SPECIAL OCCASION 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.*

### **Anniversary Prayer**

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that couples may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. *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!**

Penella Chapman (12/23), Natalie Payne (12/24), Verona Satchell (12/25), Zollie White III (12/27), David & Anne Powell (12/22), James & Pamela Fort (12/23).

### **Serving today, Sunday, December 21.**

**Crucifer:** Mr. Hollis Sams

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. Collin Laurie

**LEM:** Mrs. Laureatte Scott

**Vestry:** Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Natalie Payne

**Ushers & Greeters:** Ms. Marie Roberts

Mrs. Sharal Jugger

Mrs. Linda Billups

Mrs. Nadira Sams

Ms. Leta Johnson

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

Mrs. Laureatte Scott

Mrs. Alexis Roberts McMillan

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**Organist:** Mrs. Debralee LaSeur

**AV:**

### **Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Advent: December 22 to December 27**

**Mon.** Isa. 11:1-9

**Psalm .61, 62**

**John 5:30-47**

**Tue.** Isa. 11:10-16

**Psalm .66, 67**

**Luke 1:5-25**

**Wed.** Isa. 28:9-22

**Psalm .72**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Thurs.** Isa. 29:13-24

**Psalm .80**

**Luke 1:39-48a(48b-56)**

**Fri.** Isa.33:17-22

**Psalm .93, 96**

**Luke 1:57-66**

**Sat.** Isa. 35:1-10

**Psalm .45, 46**

**Luke 1:67-80**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Schedule of Services

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/22/25	Rector's Anniversary	12:15 pm
12/24/25	Solemn Eucharist	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve Service/Eucharist	8:00 pm
12/25/25	Christmas Day Eucharist	10:00 am
12/28/25	Holy Innocents Day	10:00 am
12/30/25	Contemplative Eucharist	12:15 pm

### Ushers & Greeters

Sister Sharal Jugger, the coordinator of the Ushers & Greeters Ministry, is seeking volunteers for Sunday mornings. Look out for an invite to serve.

### Request for Poinsettias

It is time to bring your potted poinsettias to help adorn the altar and church for Christmas. The altar guild members will begin to decorate the church today after the 10 a.m. church service. They are grateful to all those who donated.

### Grace Mission Christmas Tree

Grace Mission has completed and delivered its 2024 "CHRISTMAS WISHES TREE" for our consideration this season. The tree has been adorned with their wish list "ornaments." Please select an ornament and help bring joy to someone this season. The tree is in our vestibule.

### Special Mass of Thanksgiving

A special mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at 12:15 pm tomorrow, when the rector celebrates the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. He was ordained in seminary, by the late Archbishop of the West Indies, The Most Reverend Drexel Wellington Gomez. Do attend if available.

### Keep in Prayer

We are being asked to keep in prayer Errol & Lona Chapman (rector's brother & sister-in-law), Ann Deputron (NJ) and Delores Brown (Shonna Laurie's mom) as they remain the care of the doctor.

### Giving at Christmas

I was there at Grace Mission on Friday morning, when about fifty (50) boys from Bethel Missionary Boys Academy, brought the Homeless Community lots of gifts.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### **Congratulations to Darren**

We were pleased to learn that Darren Carmola successfully completed the Florida Public Safety Institute's course, a requirement for the TPD. Let us continue to pray for him and his safety.

### **Finishing Faithfully—CAJM's Look Back**

The Executive Committee is looking back on a year of work that we did together and the victories we won. By the Grace of God we were able to:

1. Engage regularly, the County and City Commissioners.
2. Partner with F.S.U. and F.A.M.U in research work regarding Food Insecurity & Hunger in our communities and other issues.
3. Work extensively with the Sherri's Office and the TPD.
4. Offer support to our Immigrant Community

On account of the dedication and devotion of our energetic Executive Director, Byran Stringer, we were able to add to the CAJM Nation, three new congregations. Our vision is to pursue Justice here in Tallahassee and neighboring communities. We will not stop until we have safer neighborhoods, better housed and fed families. Of course, the aforementioned cannot be wished into being. It will require a combined effort of all the partners who we share this ministry with and the resources we are prepared to pledge/offer. So let us join with the other justice warriors across our churches, and work with deliberate intention, a unified purpose and an unflinching resolve. Indeed, as someone has said, Justice is what love looks like in the open.

*Fr. Hugh+ VP (CAJM)*

### **New Year's Day at Grace Mission**

As a congregation, we have embraced the opportunity the Lord has provided us, to feed the homeless population on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at Grace Mission. Here is our challenge, as of now, we have no idea how many persons will actually show up! What we know is that the meals to be served, must be pre-packaged and delivered to Grace in large coolers. In addition, to each meal served, we are asked to add bottles of water, as well as fruits and treats. Let the office know how you plan to support this first outreach effort in 2026. Margaret Edwards has agreed to co-ordinate the aforementioned and is looking for volunteers and donors alike.

## 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.