

# St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*First Sunday after Christmas Day*

*December 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.*

## **HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO**

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

DEBRALEE LASEUR

OPENING PRAYER

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

**H96, Angels we have heard on high**

Gloria

### ***THE WORD OF GOD***

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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GLORIA

**L243 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah**

Haywood

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Insert

THE LESSONS [*Congregation is seated*]

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

**Psalm 147**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

GRADUAL HYMN

**H98 v1-3, Unto us a Boy is Born**

Puer nobis nascitur

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 1:1-18**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**H98 v4-5, Unto us a Boy is Born**

Puer nobis nascitur

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY                      **H82, Of the Father's love begotten**                      DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM  
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION    **H380v.3, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** OLD 100TH

*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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	<b>H79, O Little Town of Bethlehem</b>	St. Louis
MEDITATION HYMN		
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>H100, Joy to the World</b>	Antioch
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, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, 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, Devonias 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, Annie DePutron, Errol & Lona Chapman, and Fr. I Ranfurly Brown of Nassau.

### **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. 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, and Douglas Sampson and Jaelyn Guyton.

### **Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Christmas I: December 29 to January 3**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Isa. 12:1-6</b>	<b>Psalm 18:1-20</b>	<b>John 7:37-52</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Isa. 25:1-9</b>	<b>Psalm .20</b>	<b>John 7:53-8:11</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Isa. 65:15-25</b>	<b>Psalm 90</b>	<b>Rev.21:1-6</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Gen 17:1-16</b>	<b>Psalm 103</b>	<b>John 16:23b-30</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Gen 12: 1-7</b>	<b>Psalm .34</b>	<b>John 6:35-42, 48-51</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Gen 28:10-22</b>	<b>Psalm .68</b>	<b>John 10:7-17</b>

## **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.*

### **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!**

Charles Hruda (12/29), Kobimdi Okafor (12/29), Ivanna Kenny Carmola (12/30), Laureatte Scott (12/31), Anna White (12/31) Akachi Anwuri (1/3), Prokop & Simone Hruda (1/3)

### **Serving today, Sunday, December 28.**

**LEM:** John Grayson

**Gospel Book Bearer:** Santiago Mejias

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Mr. Chris White

Debralee LaSeur

**Organist:** Debralee LaSeur

**AV:** Ms. Leslie Warren

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Stewardship Pledges**

We began receiving pledges on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and they were duly blessed at the Eucharist. We want to remind each other that the giving of our time, talent and treasure are in response to God's goodness upon our lives. 2026 will present an important challenge to us as a congregation, as we begin to plan for the departure of the rector. So let us recommit ourselves to the Lord and His work here at St. Michael & All Angels.

### **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).

### **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 Sherrif'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 unflinching resolve. Indeed, as someone said, Justice is what love looks like in the open.

*Fr. Hugh+ VP (CAJM)*

## **FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

### **Holy Innocents Day**

Today, we are celebrating as a church, Holy Innocents Day. According to the account we have in Matthew's gospel (2:16-18), Herod the Great, ordered all children 2 years and younger (boys) to be massacred! This was an attempt to destroy the Infant Jesus. After being told by the Wise Men that they had come from afar to find the Christ child, Herod initially gave the impression that he wanted to pay tribute as well. These astrologers were warned of Herod's ill intent to destroy the child, and instead of returning to his palace, returned to their homes another way. This slaughter was a revenge killing, as we would say today – countless infants were slaughtered in vain, as Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt under the cover of darkness, taking the child Jesus with them.

The death of these “innocents” is always commemorated on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Until 1960, if the observance fell on a weekday, the clergy celebrated in purple vestments, but now the privilege of “martyrs” is afforded to those innocents, and as such, red vestments are utilized instead.

I am sure that we can think of the many “innocents” who continue to die unnecessarily in our world, because of wars and the genocides that continue to be perpetrated against the little ones among us. Indeed, children are the first victims of war – the statistics from the Palestinian and Israeli conflict show how it resulted in the deaths of countless children – and so has the war between Ukraine and Russia. Let us not forget either the ethnic cleansing that has taken place in Africa and Asia.

A disturbing recent report by an international journalist, detailed how six hundred thousand died in Africa, when USAID closed their offices on the continent – of those, 400,000 were children who either starved to death, or were not able to receive medication that could have spared many of those lives. At times like these, I often think of the words of Jesus “suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven” Children have a special place in God's heart and He expects us to protect them and not destroy their innocence.

So today as we celebrate the Holy Innocents, let's pray that God's children everywhere, those of our own communities and country, and those in far off countries, remain protected from all evil.

Fr. Hugh+

## 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