ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SIXTTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.

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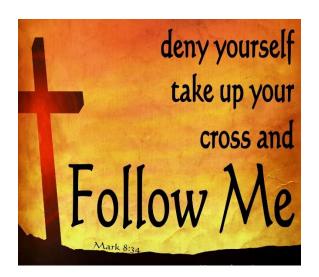
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HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

Opening prayer

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Processional Hymn A117 v1, Praise To The Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

join me in glad adoration.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The people sit

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (1:20-33)

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (Read responsively by whole verse)

- 1. The heavens declare the glory of God,* and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2. One day tells its tale to another,* and one night Imparts knowledge to another
- 3. Although they have no words or language,* and their voices are not heard.
- **4**. Their sound has gone out into all lands,* and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- **6.** It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;* nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent
- **8**. The statues of the Lord are just . and rejoice the heart;*

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. the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

- 9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- **10.** More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11. By them also is your servant enlightened," and in keeping them there is great reward.
- **12.** Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;* then shall I be whole and sound, and Innocent of a great offense.
- **14**. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,*
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Amen.

A Reading from the Book of James (3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn A158 v1, Great Is thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.*

There is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark(8:27-38)

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn A158 V 3, Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow; blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Sermon The Reverend Hugh Chapman

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop **Michael**, our Bishop **John**, our Rector **Hugh**; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially our sick and homebound, as well as those who are in need of prayers and healing:

For those at Home:

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, Sam Oliver Sr, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, , Joan Jackson Taylor, Howard Vincent Lewis, Franklyn Bramble, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn, Margaret Edwards, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Reuben Gomez, Scott Allen and Zollie White Sr.

For those in the care of the Doctor:

Joycelyn Stephens, Jo Ann Robinson, Williemae Jackson, Lauren Sapp, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marva Davis, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Melva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamelia Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Drye, Brittany Lee, Fr. William Guthrie, Herma Watson Taylor, Fred Hickman, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Cn. Nelson Pinder, Camilla Stapleton, Elijah Malone, Carl Maxwell, Fr. Ranfurly, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush and Kendra Nixon.

For those on the front lines in the fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own **Dr. Shaun** Laurie, **Dr. Nwamaka** Onyeozili, **Dr. Ross** Howard McMillan, **Dr. Ciara** Grayson, **Dr. Alaine** Sharpe, **Zuri** A. White and **Cheston** Williams.

For those in the Military:

Linzie Bogan II, **Clark** Bogan, **Brianne** Edwards, **Vashti** Thompson and, **Thandi** Williams, and you may add your own petitions.

Pray that they may be healed and delivered from their distress.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for all life's blessings.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Celebrant then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace May the Peace of the Lord

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May the peace of the Lord bring: Joy, Love, Comfort, Hope, Rest, Life

May the peace of the Lord surround you.

May the peace of the Lord go with you. Amen.

Offertory

Organ Interlude

Doxology H650, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hatton

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (remain standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name. *Celebrant and People*

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel)

Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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, forever and ever. *Amen*

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn A309 v 1&2, In Times Like These

IN TIMES LIKE THESE

1. In times like these you need a Savior,

In times like these you need an anchor;

Be very sure, be very sure

You anchor holds and grip the Solid Rock!

REFRAIN:

This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One;

This Rock is Jesus, the only One!

Be very sure, be very sure

Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

2. In times like these you need the Bible,

In times like these, O be not idle;

Be very sure, be very sure

Your anchor holds and grip the Solid Rock! [Refrain]

Meditation Hymn

Organ Interlude

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn A338, Unity Moone

Behold how good and how pleasant it is

For kindred to dwell together in unity. [4x]

Unity, unity, Lord, we pray for unity. [4x]

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer for the White Family

Our Senior Warden Zollie White II and his family have put Zollie White Sr into hospice care. At this time we ask that you keep the entire family in your prayers especially his mom, Mecie.

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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 the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Naida Ceasor (9/16).

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*

Vestry to Meet

The vestry will gather by zoom tomorrow – Monday at 6:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting. In addition to reviewing our work together, a formal decision will be made regarding the nature of the celebrations planned for Sunday Sept. 26, 2021. Whatever decision is arrived, will be conveyed to the parish by Tuesday.

From the Rector's Desk

Here is another in the series of reflections shared with me - this one is entitled - People over Opinions. Normally people are attracted to those who share ideas they subscribe to, as well as identifiable interests. But what happens when differences of opinion begin to cause friction, even between the best of friends and family members? Contention soon rears its ugly head as differing views on politics, religion and ethical values become more pronounced. Best friends soon begin to evaluate their relation with those they regarded as BFF's. We seem to live in a time when everyone has strong opinions about everything, such as which political party is the better option, whether or not we should get vaccinated or even wear masks! Then there is this – the benefit(s) of attending in person as opposed to watching worship online. The truth, it matters not which side of the issue you embrace, you run the risk of losing perhaps permanently, friendships and sometimes even family members. Why – simply because we can so easily become passionate about our beliefs and often resort to verbal violence (just plain bullying) to convince those who disagree with us. We believers know that this kind of attitude is not Christlike, and we should be able to agree to disagree. How difficult it can be for us to put the person over the opinion? Opinions are dime a dozen – so is it worth endangering a friendship over a dispute, such as mask wearing? Fellow believers, our God created each of us differently and uniquely so. We ought to be able always to celebrate our difference occasioned by where we were born, the community in which we were raised and the life experiences we have shared. Often, we are left confused by the opinions that get tossed around, leaving us to wonder how sane such a person is for saying what they did! Have you ever thought that they might be wondering the same about you? Can we agree that everyone is entitled to their own opinion and yes needs to live according to the dictates of their conscience? Maybe we need to practice a lot more love – unconditional love, that allows us to cherish those who differ from us. Also, we perhaps need to think about what Jesus said to his disciples as he prepared to die (washing their feet in an act of complete selfabasement) – "a new commandment I give you: Love one another, as I have loved you."

Fr. Hugh+

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right us of thy bountiful goodness 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*.

Collect for the Coronavirus Pandemic

Almighty God, Heavenly Healer, we bring to you all who are affected by our present pandemic; for the infirm and infected, the anxious and afraid. By your power defend us and heal us. Let us see one another not as vectors of infection, but as opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Suggested daily Readings for Season after Pentecost: September 12 - September 18.

Mon.	Job. 40:1-24	Psalm 56, 57	John 11:55-12:8
Tue.	Job 40:1; 41:1-11	Psalm 61, 62	John 12:9-19
Wed.	Job 42:1-17	Psalm 72	John 12:20-26
Thurs.	Job 28:1-28	Psalm[70], 71	John 12:27-36a
Fri.	Esther. 1:1-4, 10-19	Psalm 69:1-23	John 12:36b-43
Sat.	Esther 2:5-8, 15-23	Psalm75, 76	John 12:44-50