

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE

**INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE**

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

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*

### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop and all other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**H66, Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

*Stuttgart*

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY: LIGHT OF JOY**

Mr. Joseph Sams

**Narrator:** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, magi from the East came seeking Him and asked, "Where is the One Who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His Star in the East and have come to worship Him.

And the star they had seen went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, the magi were filled with joy.

**Narrator:** In gratitude for wise men and seekers everywhere in search of Christ, we light this candle of joy.

Hear the word of the Lord: "I will turn mourning into gladness; I will give you comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will tell you the truth: You may weep and mourn while the world rejoices; you may grieve, but your grief will turn to joy."

**Narrator** For the magi of yesterday who crossed the expanse of nations, and for those today who bridge chasms of the heart, earnestly seeking the Source of everlasting joy, we give thanks.

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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**THE LESSONS** [*Congregation is seated*]

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**H76, v1-3, On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

*Winchester New*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:2-11

The Reverend Hugh Chapman

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*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	H616, Hail to the Lord's Anointed	<i>Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein</i>
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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### HOLY COMMUNION

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A=African American Hymnal (ivory)    H=1982 Hymnal (blue)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PEACE AND HEALING**



### **For those at Home**

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie & Renee White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock, Sheila Gonzales, Sam & Sharal Jigger, Allan Johnson, and Fr. Terrance Rosheuvel.

### **For those in the care of the Doctor**

Andre Simon, Dourest & Joann Robinson, Leslie Baker, John Melville, 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, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick & Veronica Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Al Lawson Jr., Bill Bush, Nohemy Reid, Luann Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Leslie Warren, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, David Wiley, Julie Embleton, Fritz Roy, Geraldine Smith Baker, Mark Thomas, Daniella Greenway Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Stovell, Lynn Kimmel, Brittany & Emmanuel Highley Sr., Will Baker, David Thomas and Barbara Lynn.

### **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 Robinson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Zuri A. White, and Cheston Williams.

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

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson, Thandi Williams and Douglas Sampson.

## 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 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stewardship Month Continues

We are observing Stewardship Month here at SMAA and it began Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope you received your pledge cards online. We remind you that our parish encourages us all to be good stewards in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure to the work of God's church in the world. In order for the vestry to prepare a budget for 2023, we need your pledges! As a reminder, those of us who are still to send in our contributions for 2022, please do so at your earliest convenience, before we begin our Christmas shopping in earnest.

### Person of the year Award

The vestry has agreed that we should revive this award and therefore ask that nominations be made by all parishioners. Please send in your nomination to the parish office.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

### **On the Mend**

We are happy to report that Dr. Ivy Mitchell (now in rehab), Deacon Joe Bakker (of St. John's) and our own JoAnn Robinson are all on the mend. Do keep them all in prayer.

### **Advent Season**

This Sunday December 11th is the Third Sunday of the Advent Season. We will observe certain liturgical practices consistent with the Advent Season, including our bare altars (the removal of flowers) and the absence of alleluias from our singing. This year we will hold the Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 18th that perhaps may not have the traditional "special pieces" by our choir which is still to return. Despite that, let us all plan to be here.

### **Service of Lesson and Carols at St. John's**

Our sister church of St. John's Episcopal has extended an invitation for us to join them on Sunday December 11th for this annual observance. There will be a pre-service at 5:00 pm followed by the choir's presentation.

### **Christmas Kids Camp**

This fun activity will continue every Saturday in our Fellowship Hall until Christmas Eve beginning at 10:00 a.m. We are truly grateful to Kimberly Douglas and her volunteers for hosting this program directed at the children of our community.

### **Resumption of Weekday Services**

Masses will be celebrated every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15 pm. These services will be in the form of a contemplative Eucharist where the focus is on silence and meditation. Do join us if your schedule permits.

### **Vestry to Meet**

The parish vestry will meet on Monday December 12th to make important decisions impacting parish life. We thank God for their effective leadership this calendar year.

### **Appeal for Poinsettias**

Christmas will soon be here, and we will be needing poinsettias to decorate the church. Drop your donation off to the office between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00 pm.

### **Bowls and Brews**

Advent Episcopal Church has extended an invitation to us to join them for their Chili Cook Off on January 14th (4:00 – 7:00 pm). Our own Joseph Sams is the returning champion. Let us help Joe defend his crown by being on hand, as we share fellowship with our brothers and sisters at Advent.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### As we await the Lord's Return

It was good to hear one of the gospel stations actually mentioning the word Advent – the season of preparation. Our world has little or no time for the pause the church invites us to observe during Advent, for Christmas can't come fast enough! For us believers, we await not necessarily Christmas, but rather the Lord's return (parousia), as He has promised in his gospel. I found this reflection by Jim Palmer, an ordained minister with a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Divinity School in Chicago, truly enlightening/alarming I might add. After serving several years as the Senior Pastor of a non-denominational church, he left professional ministerial life on a quest for more authentic spirituality and went on to author five (5) books about his journey. Jim now serves as an adjunct professor in the areas of Ethics and Comparative Religion and as a certified Humanist Chaplain with the American Humanist Association and Co-founder of the Nashville Humanist Association.

So here is a post from Palmer – he says there are ten (10) things about Christianity that Jesus would not be happy about if He returned:-

1. that His vision for a transformed society, got twisted into an afterlife fantasy about heaven.
2. that a religion was formed to worship His name, instead of a movement to advance His message.
3. that the gospel says His death solved the problems of humankind's separation from God, instead of accepting that His life revealed the truth that there is no separation from God.
4. that the religion bearing His name was conceived by the theories and doctrines of Paul (the apostle), instead of the truth he Jesus lived and demonstrated.
5. that he was said to exclusively be God in the flesh, putting His example out of reach, rather than teaching that we will all share in the same spirit that empowered His character and life.
6. that the religion that claims His name, teaches that his wisdom and teachings are the only legitimate way to know truth and God.
7. the idea that humankind stands condemned before God and deserving of Divine wrath and eternal conscious judgment, requiring the death of Jesus to fix it

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8. that people are waiting on Jesus to return to save the world and end suffering, rather than taking responsibility for saving the world and solving suffering ourselves.
9. that people think there is a magical potency in uttering the name of Jesus, rather than accessing our own natural powers and capabilities to effect change.
10. that people have come to associate Jesus with church, theology, politics, and power, rather than courage, justice, humanity, beauty, and love.

I am not sure that many of our church scholars will agree with this list. What do you think of it?

*Fr. Hugh+*

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

### 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 the Season of Advent: December 12 – December 17

Mon.	Isa. 8:16 – 9:1	Psalm. 41, 52	Luke 22:39-53
Tue.	Isa. 9:1-7	Psalm .45	Luke 22:54-69
Wed.	Isa. 9:8-17	Psalm.119:49-72	Mark 1:1-8
Thurs.	Isa9:18 – 10:4	Psalm 50	Matt. 3:1-12
Fri.	Isa.10:5-19	Psalm 40, 45	Matt. 11:2-15
Sat.	Isa. 10:20-27	Psalm 55	Luke 3:1-9

### Serving today, Sunday December 11

**Acolytes:**

**LEM:** Laureatte Scott

**Crucifer/MC:** Hollis Sams

**Lectors:** Zollie White II, Laureatte Scott

**Gospel Book:** Joseph Sams

Ivana Kenny Carmola

**Vestry:** Charlie Clark

**Organist:** Ivana Kenny Carmola

**AV:** Eugenia Chapman