

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Confirmation

Presiding

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard
Bishop of Florida**



PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS
HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Prof. Darryl Tookes

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the 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 A339, v1-3, For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might;
You, Lord, their Captain in their well-fought fight,
You in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O may Your soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

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

Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Almighty and Everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Micah (6:1-8)

Hear what the Lord says: "Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 15

1. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2. *Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.***

3. There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4. *In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.***

5. He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

**6. *He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.***

7. Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

**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.**

A Reading from the Epistle to the Corinthians (1:18-31)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn**A312, v1-2, Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart**

MORECAMBE

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

The Holy Gospel*Gospeler*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew – 5:1-12

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates will now be presented.

I present Leslie Warren, Eugene Wesley, Dr. Rose Campbell Wesley,
Dr. Edith Onyeozili and Chioma Onyeozili who desire to reaffirm
their Baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates We do

Bishop Do you renew your commitments to Jesus Christ?

Candidates

We do, and with God's grace we will follow him as our Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life with Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words.

Let us join those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of
God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your
neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Byron Greene

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. *Amen.*

For Reception

We recognize you as a member of the Holy and Apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion, God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace A498, Let There Be Peace on Earth MILLER

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let us each other be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Offertory Selection For Your Love C. E. Watz

Doxology A650, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
DUKE STREET

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.*

Presentation Hymn A326, Sweet, Sweet Spirit

MANNA

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we know that we'll have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist 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 L252, Holy, Holy, Holy

McLin

Holy, Holy, holy Lord, 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.

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 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."

Celebrant 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 sing,

The Lord's Prayer

(sung)

Malotte

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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.

At Communion : A316, Let it Breathe on Me

Lewis-Butts

Refrain:

Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me,
Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.

1. While I'm working Lord, in Your vineyard here, I can do naught if
Thou aren't near. Oh, come, blessed Lord, just so close to me That I may feel You
breathe on me.

2. When the pathway Lord, I cannot see, When the way is dark, Lord, breathe on
me, Give me grace to know when Thou art near Oh, I pray Thee, Lord, please
breathe on me.

Meditation Hymn

Spirit of the Living God Fall Fresh on Me

Sean Luc Warren-Bailey, French Horn

Special Selection

Prof. Darryl Tookes

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.*

Announcements

Recessional Hymn A474, v1-2, Lead Me, Guide Me AKERS

1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness

Thy face to see. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way.

For if You lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Dismissal:

Deacon: Go in peace and to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Elizabeth Humes (1/31).

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.*

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

On behalf of our entire parish family, it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome back to St. Michael and All Angels, our Father-in-God, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop of Florida. The forces of nature combined to prevent Bishop Howard from joining us back in October, as we concluded the 140th anniversary celebrations. So he is here today, and we want to let him know how deeply appreciative St. Michael and All Angels continues to be of his love, prayers and support he has provided our parish over the last twenty years. As the Bishop prepares for his eventual retirement later in the year, we ask God's continued blessing upon him and his family. Thank you, Rt. Reverend Sir, for joining us today and we welcome, also, the Venerable Mark Richardson, Archdeacon of the Diocese.

Joint Service at St. John's Episcopal

On Sunday February 12th, we will join with the congregation at St. John's for a celebration of the life of Absalom Jones, the first African American to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. Persons drawn from both parishes will participate fully in the liturgy. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. Fr. Lonnie Lacy will be the celebrant while Fr. Hugh will deliver the message.

CAJM Update

As reported last week, a team led by the Rev. James Houston and other pastors met with the Rev. R. B. Holmes Jr. to discuss the planned introduction of the Gun Violence Initiative program here in Tallahassee. Rev. Holmes hopes to work more closely with our 22 member Justice Ministry Network.

Appeal by Presiding Bishop

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, has written to remind us of the upcoming celebration of Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. Archbishop Curry is asking that all Episcopalians support our two (2) Episcopal HBCUs – Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC, and Voorhees University in Denmark, SC. If you so desire, you can make a donation directly to the Absalom Jones Fund through our parish office.

Medical Updates

Dourest Robinson is still hospitalized at this time while Delores Brown is recovering from hip surgery in Miami. Do keep them both in prayer.

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 MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body, and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.