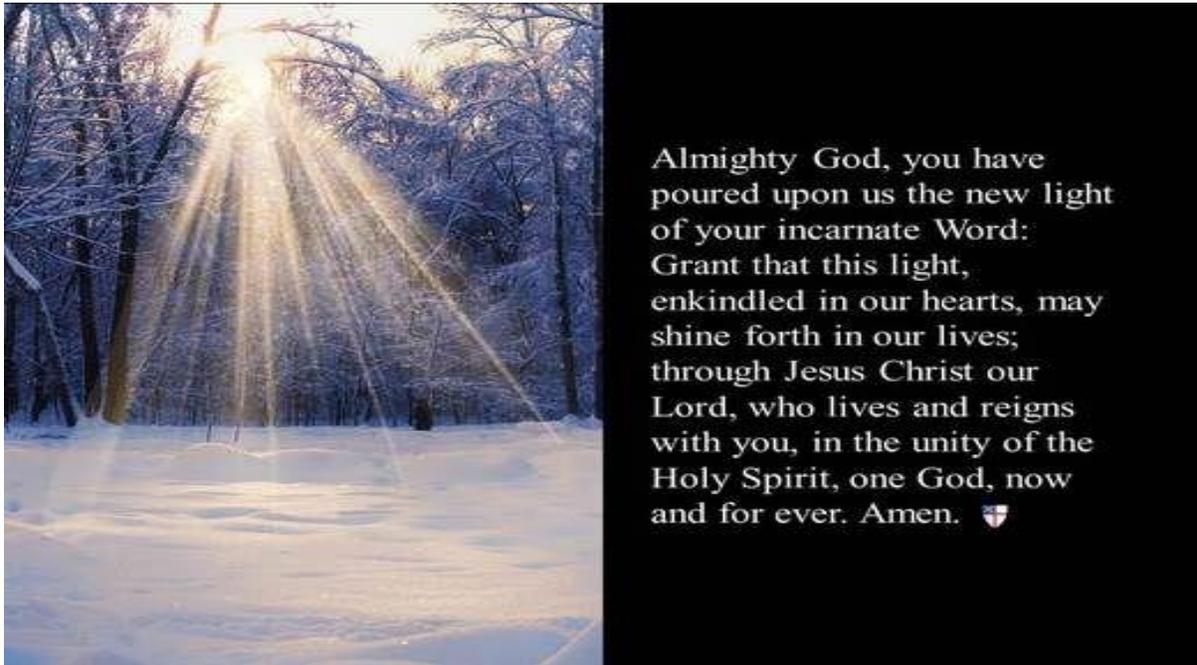


St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



*First Sunday after Christmas Day  
December 31, 2023, 10:00 a.m.*



*The True Light*

## HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Mrs. 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

**H105, God rest you merry gentlemen**

GOD REST YOU MERRY

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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

**H82, v1-2, Of the Father's love begotten**

*Divinum mysterium*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 1:1-18**

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

SEQUENCE HYMN

**H82, v3-4, Of the Father's love begotten**

*Divinum mysterium*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hugh Chapman

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY	<b>H89, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</b>	CAROL
DOXOLOGY & PROCESSION	<b>A651, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	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	<b>H84, Love Came Down at Christmas</b>	Gartan
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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		
AGNUS DEI		
THE INVITATION		

### HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	<b>H112, In the bleak mid-winter</b>	CRANHAM
MEDITATION HYMN	<b>H128, We three kings</b>	Three Kings of Orient
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BENEDICTION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>H94, While shepherds watched their flocks by night</b>	WINCHESTER OLD

DISMISSAL

A= African American Hymnal (ivory).

H= The Hymnal 1982 (blue)

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

### **For those at Home**

Fr. Laughton Thomas, 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 and Ashley Rodgers.

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

Dourest & Joann Robinson, John Melville, Lauren Sapp, 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, Devonias Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Herma Watson Taylor, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Carl Maxwell, Ann Dupree, Bill Bush, Luann Hickman, Harold Dickey, Sterling Rinks, Scott Allen, Ashley Griffith, Oscar Felker, Fritz Roy, Mark Thomas, Daniella Greenway Thomas, Terrence Harris, Barbara Stovell, Lynn Kimmel, Will Baker, David Thomas Wiley, Barbara Lynn, Lee Scott, Leslie Warren, Spencer Stapleton, Ellie Potter, Randy Frazier, Lennie Helfand, Fabienne Bailey Brown, Patrick Charles and Hansel Tookes, Chelsea Ducille and Fr. Darryl James.

### **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. Edwin Thorpe, Zuri A. White, and Cheston Williams.

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

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

## **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 grow in mutual love and understanding, in courtesy and kindness, so that they 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.*

### Prayers Being Sought

We are being asked to keep in prayer this week John Melville (rector's friend) who is hospitalized at this time in Brooklyn, New York. Pray also for his wife Vashti as she cares for him. Let us pray also for Chelsea Ducille (North Carolina) and Livy Hitchcock (Vermont), who are both recovering from recent surgery. Chelsea and Livy are former parishioners of the rector.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!** 

Akachi Anwuri (1/3), Prokop and Simone Hruda (1/3)

### Serving today, Sunday, December 31.

**LEM:** Mr. James Fort

**Lectors:** Mr. Neil James

**Gospel Book Bearer/MC:** Mr. Joseph Sams III

Mr. Joseph Sams III

**Crucifer:** Mr. Hollis Sams

Ms. Marie Roberts

**Vestry:** Ms. Kimberly Douglas

**Organist:** Mrs. DebraLee LaSeur

**Altar Guild:** Mrs. Dawn Freeman

**AV:** Ms. Eugenia Chapman

### Suggested daily Readings for the Season of Christmas : January 1 to Epiphany January 6.

Mon. Isa. 62:1-5,10-12

Psalm .103

Matt.1:18-25

Tue. 1 Kings 19:1-8

Psalm .34

John 6:1-14

Wed. 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm .68

John 6:15-27

Thurs. Joshua 3:14-4:7

Psalm .85

John 9:1-12,35-38

Fri. Jonah 2:2-9

Psalm .2

John 11:17-27,38-44

Sat. Isa. 49:1-7

Psalm .46

Matt.12:14-21

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Continue to pray for the Presiding Bishop**

Archbishop Michael Curry sustained a fall in Syracuse, N.Y, hit his head and had a brain bleed that required surgery. Mercifully he is back home in North Carolina recuperating.

### **Return of Pledge Cards**

We wish to thank all those who turned in their cards so far. At each succeeding celebration of the Eucharist, we will receive the cards placed in the Stewardship receptacle at the door and duly have them blessed at the conclusion of the service.

### **UBE Membership**

As you consider your Stewardship pledge for 2024, please make membership in the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) one of your commitments. Membership brochures are available in the church vestibule.

### **Bible Class in Recess**

Our Bible Class will be in recess until Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Then we shall continue with our study of Paul's letter to the Colossians.

### **Building With Christ**

Under the auspices of the Capital Campaign Committee, SMAA has launched a special fundraiser, the proceeds of which will go directly to this effort. We ask that you share the flyer released with your family members, colleagues, and friends. All we ask for is a donation of \$18.82, a symbolic reminder of when SMAA began its journey back in 1882. This small offering (and you can give lots more), will be the seed money to help kick start phase one of this ambitious project. *Fr. Hugh+*

### **Cursillo Weekend Update**

The Cursillo Secretariat has decided on the following dates for the Men & Women's Weekends upcoming next year at Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference.

1. Men's Weekend—February 29<sup>th</sup>—March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Women's Weekend—March 7<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup>.

We have begun to receive applications for both weekends. For additional information, kindly contact the rector or Delois & JD Brown.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### A Big Thank You

On behalf of the wardens, Dr. Shaun Laurie and Charlie Clark, and our vestry, I wish to say a big thank you to everyone. 2023 was a challenging year for SMAA but by the grace of God, we rallied together all the while ministering to those who needed our help. I'd be lacking in candor if full mention was not made of the Altar Guild (Delores Lawson,) the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (John Grayson,) the Lector Board (Leslie Warren,) the Music Team (DL, Chris and Ivana,) as well as the Audio-visual volunteers (Eugenia, Chris, Thomas, Sean and Leslie,) as well as Elizabeth Humes and Inez Brooks. Most of all, to you my friends who responded to every appeal we issued and gave as generously as you could. May our good and gracious God continue to richly bless you and all of your loved ones in the new year that is surely on its way.

*Fr. Hugh+*

### The Standing Committee Appoints 2024 Assisting Bishop

The Standing Committee recently shared that the Right Reverend Scott Benhase, retired bishop of Georgia, *will shepherd us through this next phase of our transition as a diocese.* Bishop Benhase will serve our diocese on a part-time basis as an assisting bishop at least for the next calendar year. While the Standing Committee will continue to be the ecclesiastical authority, Bishop Benhase will serve in both *a sacramental and pastoral capacity.*

### Conversation in Community with Bishop Benhase

Join us in person or via livestream on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral for a conversation with Bishop Benhase.

Let us hear about his life, his vocation as deacon, priest and then bishop and how he came to love Jesus. The conversation will be livestreamed and archived on the [Cathedral's YouTube channel](#).

### Ordination Upcoming

Bishop Benhase will ordain Teri Calinao to the Order of Deacons on January 11, 2024, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Jacksonville, Florida. Do keep Teri in your prayers.

## 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.