

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

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Order of Worship

We invite you to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer by referencing the page numbers listed. If you do not have a Prayer Book, you can order one [here](#). All liturgical parts of the service are projected in-building or subtitled in our live video.

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Isaiah 56:1-8

1 Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who does this,
and the son of man who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,
“The Lord will surely separate me from his people”;
and let not the eunuch say,
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the Lord:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name

better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”
8 The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Psalm 67

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1 May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
2 Let your way be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
indeed, let all the peoples praise you.
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, *
for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7 God shall bless us, *
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Romans 11:13–24

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? 16 If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 That is true. They were broken off because of

their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. 22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. 23 And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Gradual

Matthew 15:21-28

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Neil, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

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“In Christ There is No East or West”

By William A. Dunkerly

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet North and South;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.
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The Dismissal

To honor this parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya we use the dismissal from the Kenyan Prayer Book.

August Mission Spotlight

Sira's vision is to see women and men embracing life, walking in freedom and positively affecting their community. Sira offers a variety of services including pregnancy and STI testing, limited ultrasounds, counseling for expectant mothers, after-abortion and sexual healing counseling, and counseling for men whose partners are pregnant. You can learn more about Sira at siragainesville.com.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: environmental engineers and facilities managers

The least reached people group: the Lohar of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Jordan

First responders, relief & healthcare workers, and armed forces personnel connected to Servants: Tom Benton, Jeannie Bey, Sarah Chandler, Scottie Daquila, Danielle Elswick, Ethan Gibson, Rick Guerry, Annette Hall, John Harris, Lisa Kincaid, Libby King, Peter King, Chris Lewis, Barbara Matthews, Tiebout McCrea, Steve McCready, Tom McGee, Taylor Moore, Kate Norton, Josh Pothen, and Andrew Thompson

Clergy of our parish: Foley, our Archbishop; Neil, our Bishop; Alex, our Rector; Bob, James, and Myron, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

Churches in our diocese: Church of Our Savior, Jacksonville Beach, FL; Christchurch, Montgomery, AL; Incarnation Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL; Church of the Good Samaritan, Middleburg, FL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Tim Austin, Jeannie Bey, Larry Goble, Lourdes Gonzalez, Ken Langeland, Karen Langer, Mark Ludlow, Sandra Mixson, Jim Moulthrop, and Jim Sunwall; Servants at home—Barbara & Tim Austin, Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke, Lina Colondres, Mary Coryell, Walter & Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Shirley Edelstein, Jerri Fisher, Ruben Flores, Marcelo Flores, Larry & Leslie Goble, Ken Handley, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Karen Haskell, Lynn Jacobs, Joyce La Cagnina, Anne Lawson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim & Raye Moulthrop, Elena Rhodes, Felix Santana, Cynthia Stehouwer, Jim Sunwall, Nan Szypulski-Lewis, Al Thrower

Announcements

Family Promise Drive: COVID-19 has hit low-income families hardest in regards to health and finances, and homeless shelters like Family Promise are critical in getting them back on their feet. With school starting soon, these families are going to need a lot of support, and research shows that healthy students learn more effectively. So please help minister to the homeless in our community by donating what you can to the donation box in the narthex. The most helpful thing you can donate is money, so that the shelter can spend it on what is most needed. If you are sold on donating a physical item, the most-needed items are maxi pads and paper towels, as well as other items listed next to the donation box. The box will be at church until August 30. You can also donate by sending a check made to “Servants Compassion Fund” with “Family Promise Drive” on the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Kaiti Kirby at kaitlet@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (352) 727-1502.

CoffeeChat: CoffeeChat is now ServantsLINK, two weekday opportunities to fellowship with friends. Spend half an hour catching up with some folks you may not have seen in a while. Visit servantsanglican.org/servantslink to join the call on Tuesdays at noon or Thursdays at 8:00pm.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus: Beginning this Thursday from 6:30-8:00pm on Zoom, the Rev. Susan Rhodes will be leading a class on the healing ministry of Jesus that will run for 6-8 weeks. Mother Susan is a retired priest, but she has preached at Servants on several occasions and visits with us from time-to-time when the Rhodes come to see their daughter, our own Elena Rhodes. You can email Elena for class details at erhodes0731@yahoo.com

Promotion Sunday: Next Sunday during the service, we will recognize those students who are rising up to 4th and 6th grade. If you're new to Servants and have a student in K-12th grades, complete our digital connect card at servantsanglican.org/get-started and our student ministry leaders will be in touch!

Upper Room Manna Market: Mondays 9:00-11:00am at 3575 NE 15th St. Volunteers should arrive by 7:30am to distribute produce, bread, and more. You may also donate to the effort by making a check out to Servants, and writing “U.R. Manna Market” on the memo line. Learn more about Upper Room Ministries at urwelcomehere.org.

Parish Update Meeting: Wednesday, August 26, from 7:00–8:00pm on Zoom. Fr. Alex will be celebrating ministry moments from the last half year, discussing plans for the fall and more with anyone who would like to attend. You'll be able to reach the meeting here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9250713428>.

Wednesdays at Servants: In September we'll be running our Wednesdays at Servants program through Zoom. The first class will be on Romans, taught by Fr. Alex. The class begins September 2, 7:00–8:00pm, and will run through September 30. The link to the class is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9250713428>. Email alex@servantsanglican.org with any questions about the class.

RSVP for Services: The RSVP remains a vital practice even while not many are attending in-person. You can find the link to RSVP at servantsanglican.org/reopening, in the weekly email and, if you have opted in, in your text messages. To be added to our email list or get text messages from us, contact Nikki Smith at communications@servantsanglican.org.

Financial Update

We know that money talk can be a real turn-off. We rarely talk about it, but we always include this as a way to be transparent to our parish. Amounts are current as of August 9.

July Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$39,006

July Giving: \$19,966

2021 Giving YTD: \$25,727