

# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the Lord:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
2 Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
3 For the Lord comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
4 “Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

5 My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

### Psalm 138

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1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
even before the gods will I sing praises to you.  
2 I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your loving-kindness and truth,\*  
for you have magnified your Name and your word above all things.  
3 When I called upon you, you heard me \*  
and gave me increase of strength.  
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, \*  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.  
6 For though the Lord be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; \*  
as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.  
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh me; \*  
you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.  
8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; \*  
your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; despise not the works of your own hands.

### Romans 11:25-36

25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,  
“The Deliverer will come from Zion,  
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;  
27 “and this will be my covenant with them  
when I take away their sins.”  
28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has

consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

35 “Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gradual

### **Matthew 16:13–20**

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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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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### **“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”**

By John Newton and Kevin Twit

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
 Zion, city of our God;  
 He, Whose word cannot be broken,  
 Formed thee for His own abode  
 On the Rock of Ages founded,  
 What can shake thy sure repose?  
 With salvation's walls surrounded,  
 Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
 Springing from eternal love.  
 Well supplies Thy sons and daughters,  
 And all fears of want removes.  
 Who can faint while such a river  
 Ever flows their thirst to quench?  
 Grace which like the Lord, the giver,  
 Never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
 Washed in the Redeemer's blood;  
 Jesus, Whom their souls rely on,

Makes them kings and priests to God  
'Tis His love His people raises,  
Over self to reign as kings  
And as priests His solemn praises  
Each for a thank offering bring.

Savior, if of Zion's city,  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy Name  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

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 annual fundraiser banquet will be a live virtual event! The dinner is Friday, October 23, 2020 at 8:00pm, but you must register by August 30 to participate. The fundraiser will provide essential funds for Sira to carry out their vision 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 register for the event [here](#).

### **Prayer Reminders for the Week**

**Those who labor for our common good:** grant procurer and lab technicians

**The least reached people group:** the Madura of Southeast Asia

**The persecuted church in:** Tunisia

**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 the Redeemer, Jacksonville, FL; Epiphany Celebration, Eustis, FL; Incarnation Biloxi, Biloxi, MS

**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

**Littlewood Prayer Walk:** Today after the service join the Littlewood Outreach Team, Children's Ministry Team, and the Prayer Team for a walk around Littlewood Elementary! Meet Justin Smith outside the sanctuary to walk over.

**Back to School Events:** With many private schools and homeschoolers already in session and public schools getting ready to resume, we have several events today and this week to help families:

- Today is Promotion Sunday! Our 4th and 6th graders will be recognized by Fr. Alex during the service. Our 4th graders are graduating from Children's Church and our 6th graders are entering Youth Group. If you're new and want to get your students plugged in to our children's or youth ministries, fill out a [digital connect card](#) today!
- This Thursday August 27, the focus for ServantsLINK will be praying for families with school-age children. You can join the call from 8:00-8:30pm at [servantsanglican.org/servantslink](https://servantsanglican.org/servantslink).
- Next Sunday students of all ages are invited to a drive-thru with their families here at the church to let Fr. Alex pray over their backpacks—or whatever item represents their school year. Fr. Alex will be there from 11:00-11:45am, so even if you're not at the service in person, you'll have plenty of time to get to the church!

**Parish Meeting:** This Wednesday, 7:00-8:00pm, our bi-annual parish meeting will take place over Zoom! Fr. Alex will discuss reopening phases, wins from the last half year, and plans for the fall. The link to join the call is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3686416869>.

**Family Promise Drive:** Our own Kaiti Kirby has organized a drive to help homeless families in Gainesville get ready for school. You can help minister to the homeless in our community by leaving a donation in box in the narthex for [Family Promise](#), a ministry that aids local homeless families with shelter, meals, and case management until they're back on their feet. Most-needed items right now are backpacks, 1-inch binders, and hand sanitizer. The box will be at church until August 30. Donating money is also helpful as it empowers Family Promise to purchase whatever is most needed; you can click the "Family Promise Drive" button to donate [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Kaiti Kirby at [kaitlet@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlet@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at (352) 727-1502.

**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](http://urwelcomehere.org).

**Youth Group Back-to-School Kick-Off:** Saturday, August 29, 10:30-11:30am at the church. All 6th-12th graders are invited to a socially distanced party to kick off the return to school! We'll play games (modified to keep everyone safe!) and also talk about what the fall will look like for youth group. Masks are required and the event will be outside. Contact Kyle Quina at [khquina@gmail.com](mailto:khquina@gmail.com) with questions.

**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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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 16.*

July Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$46,616

July Giving: \$19,966

2021 Giving YTD: \$29,822