

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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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Ezekiel 33:1-11

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 "Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, 3 and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

7 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

10 "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' 11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Psalm 119:33-48

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- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for therein is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, *
and not to covetous desires.
- 37 O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity, *
and revive me in your ways.
- 38 Confirm your word to your servant, *
and to all those who fear you.
- 39 Take away the reproach that I am afraid of, *
for your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, my delight is in your precepts; *
O revive me in your righteousness.
- 41 Let your loving mercy come to me, O Lord, *
even your salvation, according to your word.
- 42 So shall I answer those who taunt me, *
for my trust is in your word.
- 43 O do not take the word of your truth utterly out of my mouth,*
for my hope is in your judgments.
- 44 So shall I always keep your law, *
even for ever and ever;
- 45 And I will walk at liberty, *
for I seek your commandments.
- 46 I will speak of your testimonies also, even before kings, *
and will not be ashamed;
- 47 And my delight shall be in your commandments, *
which I have loved exceedingly.
- 48 My hands also will I lift up to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gradual

Matthew 18:15-20

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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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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"You Are My Vision"

By Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Rend Collective, and Eleanor Henrietta Hull

You are my vision, O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Your presence, my light

You are my wisdom, You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me, together we're one

Oh oh oh oh oh

You are my battleshield, sword for the fight
You are my dignity, You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
Come, raise me heavenward, O Power of my power

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance, now and always
You, and You only, the first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure You are

High King of Heaven, when victory's won
May I reach Heaven's joy, O bright Heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all, oh oh oh oh

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

The Dismissal

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

September Mission Spotlight

As we have for over a decade, we continue to partner with the Diocese of Southern Nyanza in Kenya. We specifically collect funds for water tank installations in villages where there is no clean water source and for scholarships for children in the diocese to attend secondary school. Check back next week for an update on this work and to learn how you can join the effort.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: mentors and midwives

The least reached people group: the Muhar of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Turkey

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 and James, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

Churches in our diocese: Grace Anglican Church, Fleming Island, FL; St. Andrew's Anglican Fellowship, Pensacola, FL; Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Jacksonville, 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

Wednesdays at Servants: Continuing this Wednesday on Zoom from 7:00-8:00pm, Fr. Alex will be teaching a class exploring the book of Romans which will run each Wednesday through September 30. The link to the class is: <https://us04.web.zoom.us/j/9250713428>. Email alex@servantsanglican.org with any questions!

Littlewood Work Day: On Saturday, September 19, from 9:00am-12:00pm, we'll gather at Littlewood to pull weeds and trim hedges. The work day is sponsored by Servants' Youth Group and everyone is welcome. Bring work gloves, hedge trimmers if you have them, a water bottle, and a mask! Contact Justin Smith at (352)

451-8165 with questions.

ServantsLINK: Each Tuesday at noon and Thursday at 8:00pm we have a half-hour of fellowship on Zoom. Come say hi to church friends you may not have seen a while! Visit servantsanglican.org/servantslink to log in to the call.

RSVP for Services: Our in-person services are growing each week and we couldn't be happier! One of the ways you can help us keep everyone safe is to RSVP by Saturday evening. 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 communications@servantsanglican.org. RSVPing allows us to keep track of attendance and will let us know when we need to add a second service to accommodate everyone who wants to come. Thank you so much for your help in this!

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 30.

July Budget: \$26,555	2021 Budget YTD: \$59,967
July Giving: \$19,966	2021 Giving YTD: \$40,785