

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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 18:1-4, 25-32

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? 3 As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 26 When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. 27 Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. 28 Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

- 1 Unto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you; *
O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, *
but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender mercies, *
and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, *
but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord; *
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, *
and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your Name's sake, O Lord, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.
- 11 Who is the one who fears the Lord? *
He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose.
- 12 He shall dwell at ease, *
and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 13 The Lord reveals his secret counsel to those who fear him, *
and he will show them his covenant.
- 14 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, *
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Philippians 2:1-13

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. 1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be

grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gradual

Matthew 21:28–32

28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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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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“The Lord is My Light (Psalm 27)

By Lillian Bouknight

The LORD is my light and my salvation

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Whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life;

Whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me

Whom shall I fear? *Refrain*

Wait on the LORD and be of good courage

Wait on the LORD and be of good courage

Wait on the LORD and be of good courage

Whom shall I fear? *Refrain*

The Blessing

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

Since retiring as the Bishop of Southern Nyanza in 2018, The Rt. Rev. James Ochiel (Bishop James) has established the Bishop Ochiel Siloam Trust. He is continuing his work on scholarships and water tanks for the people of Southern Nyanza. If you would like to contribute to either of these, please mark so on your donation (check or [online](#)). For more information about the Trust, please visit their website at bishopochielsiloamtrust.org.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: paraprofessionals and pediatricians

The least reached people group: the Mahratta of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Ethiopia

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: Trinity Anglican, Thomasville, GA; Grace Point Anglican Fellowship, Homosassa, FL; St. Michael's Anglican Fellowship, Andalusia, AL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Tim Austin, Jeannie Bey, Larry Goble, Lourdes Gonzalez, Ken Langeland, Karen Langer, Mark Ludlow, Sandra Mixson, and Jim Moulthrop; 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, Nan Szyplulski-Lewis, Al Thrower

Announcements

Wednesdays at Servants: After this Wednesday, Fr. Alex's Romans class will take a hiatus for at least two weeks. The first two Wednesdays of October will be "A Theology of Hope: Understanding Racial Justice" a two-part series focusing on racial healing. The first week we'll watch an interview with Esau McCaulley and the second week will be a discussion which will bridge ideas from Alan Jacob's book [How to Think](#) and Esau McCaulley's interview. The link to the Romans class (this Wednesday, 7pm) and the 2-part discussion is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9250713428>. Email alex@servantsanglican.org with any questions! *Esau McCaulley (PhD) is assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, a priest in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), and a contributing opinion writer for the New York Times. His publications include Sharing the Son's Inheritance, numerous articles in outlets such as Christianity Today, and his book Reading While Black was released September 1, 2020.*

Mission Spotlight on Kenya: For years we've supported the Diocese of Southern Nyanza by helping scholarship students in secondary school through college. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you may do so [online](#) or by check. See the [Mission Spotlight](#) above for additional details.

CoffeeChat: CoffeeChats are back! Join Fr. Bob and others in our congregation on Zoom at 11:00am today for fellowship. Bring your coffee and hang out for half an hour. Get the link at servantsanglican.org/coffeechat.

Aletheia in the Parking Lot: We'd like to make sure that those of you attending in person (and those who may want to attend soon) know that Aletheia is meeting outside in the parking lot behind the church. They have left a way out for us, so be sure not to go out the campus entrance, but go as far north in the parking lot as possible, then east as far as you can go to get around their service. We're asking that all drivers honor the traffic pattern of the campus so that accidents can be avoided.

Daily Office 2019 Online: If you're looking for a Daily Office tool to have on the go, the ACNA has created one! The tool is interactive and allows you to save your setting across devices. You can access the tool or download the app from our website at servantsanglican.org/dailyoffice.

RSVP for Services: Thanks to all those who RSVP each week! This is still an important practice as we work to keep each other healthy. 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, complete our [digital connect card](#). 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 September 20.

August Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$79,629

August Giving: \$21,299

2021 Giving YTD: \$55,293