



# SERVANTS OF CHRIST

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### The Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

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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 but would like one, you may order one [here](#). All parts of the service are projected in-house or subtitled in our live video, except for the sermon. A guideline for Anglican worship generally: we stand to praise God, we sit for instruction, and we kneel to pray.

## Processional Hymn

*The ministers for the service enter preceded by a cross and some choose to bow as the cross passes; they are not bowing to the ministers, nor are they worshipping the cross. It is a way some choose to honor Jesus's atoning death for us.*

## The Acclamation for Easter 123

*These opening lines vary according to the seasons of the church calendar.*

## The Collect for Purity 124

*This 11<sup>th</sup>-century prayer begins almost every Anglican worship service.*

## The Summary of the Law 124

*On specific penitential Sundays, we replace the "Summary of the Law" with the 10 Commandments (or Decalogue). In both instances, hearing God's law reminds us of God's expectations for our lives.*

## The Kyrie 124

*Literally "Lord, have mercy," this Greek prayer is the oldest prayer in our liturgy and comes from the age of the apostles. On entering the presence of God, we ask for mercy.*

## The Gloria in Excelsis 125

*This 2<sup>nd</sup>-century prayer, written in the poetic form of a Psalm, proclaims that we have entered into the presence of God as we have worshiped him.*

## The Collect of the Day 612

*Collects "collect" our thoughts and focus them on a theme found in the Lessons and Gospel as the service shifts our attention to listening to God's Word.*

## The Lessons 724

*These readings usually come from the lectionary, a schedule of readings that many churches around the world follow every Sunday. In using the lectionary, we worship with them and they with us. We use the ESV.*

## Acts 3:12a, 13-15, 17-26

12a And when Peter saw it he addressed the people:

13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. 22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that

prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ 24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. 25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ 26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

### **Psalm 111**

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- 1 Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great, \*  
sought out by all who have pleasure in them.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; \*  
The Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He has given food to those who fear him; \*  
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, \*  
that he may give them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.

### **1 John 5:1-5**

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### **Gradual Hymn**

*The medieval practice of singing before the Gospel reading was restored in American Anglicanism in 1928.*

### **The Gospel**

*Since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.*

## John 20:19–31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the

Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Gradual Hymn

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed 126

*This 4<sup>th</sup>-century statement summarizes our Christian faith. If you do not share our faith, please stand with us silently as a gesture of respect to us, just as we respect your silence.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Prayer reminders are listed after the order of service, below the Mission Spotlight. Congregants may add specific prayers during the pauses. Please speak loudly so that we can hear and agree with you.*

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. We also pray for those who persecute your people; forgive them and turn their hearts toward you through the faithful witness of those they persecute.

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.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin            129

The Comfortable Words            130

The Peace            131

*Here the congregation takes time before Communion to make sure that there are no broken relationships within the community, and to seek forgiveness if there are. COVID has changed this part of the service to a passing wave for those worshiping in-person, which means the opportunity for reconciliation is missed. We heartily encourage you to seek out those with whom you may need to mend relationships before the service so that when taking Communion, you may do so with a clear conscience. Those worshiping at home should still take the opportunity to offer forgiveness to one another.*

### Announcements

The Offertory            131

*If you would like to give, you may do so online at [servantsanglican.org/give](https://servantsanglican.org/give).*

Offertory Song

The Doxology

The Sursum Corda            132

*Literally “Lift up your hearts.” This command is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and opens the Communion service in every ancient liturgy known today.*

The Sanctus            132

*Syrian Christians in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century adopted this prayer from the Jewish synagogues. It combines imagery from the prophet Isaiah and from the Psalms.*

The Prayer of Consecration   132

The Lord’s Prayer            134

The Fraction            135

*This action symbolically pictures Christ’s body broken on the cross for us.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion            677

*During this time when many of our congregation worship from home for safety reasons, we say this prayer together to show solidarity with all our people.*

The Agnus Dei            136

*Literally “Lamb of God,” this ancient prayer, written by Syrian Christians, was adopted by western Christianity in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.*

### Communion

*All baptized Christians may receive Communion when worshiping with us in person. Ushers will direct you by row up to the altar rail (of course, just remain seated if you do not desire to come forward). For COVID safety: please stay with your family/friend group and take your place in front of a cushion at the rail. Please do not kneel. If you are not baptized and would like to receive a blessing, come forward, crossing your arms over your chest. The priest will quietly pray God’s blessing upon you. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please inform the celebrant at the altar.*

Communion Song

The Post-Communion Prayer

*This prayer from 1549 summarizes all the themes of the Communion service: thanksgiving, mystery, unity with Christ, spiritual nurture, mission, and the coming Kingdom of God.*

## Hymn for Processing into the World

### “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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Oh give thanks to God for his steadfast love  
For his goodness lasts forever  
Hallelujah! He is my song, my strength,  
For the LORD's become my salvation!  
For the LORD's become my salvation!

Out of my distress I have called for help  
and the LORD came quickly to save me  
Praise The Lord Most High, He is on my side  
For the LORD's become my salvation!  
For the LORD's become my salvation!

*I shall not die, no I will live  
And I will tell forever what my Savior did  
How He faced the grave so that I might say  
That the LORD's become my salvation!*

Now the stone ignored by the proud and wise  
Is the founding rock of salvation  
We will celebrate what He's done this day  
For the LORD's become my salvation!  
For the LORD's become my salvation! **Refrain**

Open up the way through the righteous gate  
and give thanks for our liberation  
He has vanquished sin, I may enter in  
For the LORD's become my salvation!  
For the LORD's become my salvation! **Refrain**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

## Mission Spotlight

Brent and Kim McHugh are a part of Christar International and are a mission family that Servants supports regularly.

## Prayer Reminders for the Week

**Those who labor for our common good:** facilities managers and grant procurers

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

**The persecuted church in:** China

**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:** All Saints Anglican Church, Tallahassee, FL; St. Luke's Anglican Fellowship, Tallahassee, FL; All Souls Anglican Church, Jacksonville, FL; Anglican Fellowship of the Word, Pembroke Pines, FL

**Specific needs in our parish:** Healing—Tim Austin, Bob Doak, Lourdes Gonzalez, Don Hearn, Karen Langer, Sandra Mixson, and Stan Reigger; 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 Moulthrop, Felix Santana, Nan Szypulski-Lewis

## Announcements

**Servants Youth Group:** Sundays, 4:00–5:30pm, all 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Servants under the colonnade (the covered area outside the sanctuary building) for a game, Bible study, discussion, and more! Contact Dcn. Michael Mayo with questions at [michael@servantsanglican.org](mailto:michael@servantsanglican.org) or (214) 335-0115.

**Wednesdays @Servants:** On Wednesdays we offer most of our spiritual formation opportunities. We have something for most ages!

- **Club 345:** 5:00–6:00pm. All 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Mrs. Kim under the colonnade (the covered area in front of the sanctuary building) for fun and a lesson, in a socially-distanced, safe environment. Contact Kim Harris at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org) with questions.
- **College Group:** 6:30–8:00pm, at Servants under the colonnade (the covered area outside the sanctuary building). The group is studying Acts together and you can contact Kim Harris at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org) with questions.
- **Romans:** 7:00pm on Zoom, Fr. Alex is continuing the Romans study. All youth and adults are invited. Join at [servantsanglican.org/zoom](https://servantsanglican.org/zoom)!

**Littlewood Work Day:** Join the Youth Group this Saturday from 9:00am–12:00pm at Littlewood. Prior to COVID we were regularly reaching out to our nearest neighbor, blessing the Littlewood staff and faculty by helping with service projects their administration deemed important. We're picking up where we left off! Bring work gloves and a water bottle. Contact Michael Mayo at [michael@servantsanglican.org](mailto:michael@servantsanglican.org) or Justin Smith at (352) 451-8165 for more details.

**Dynamos:** All 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a youth-led weekend retreat May 21–23, 2021 at Advent Christian Village. Dynamos is an experience of Christ's love presented for high school students by other high school students with the support and assistance of adult leadership and clergy. The weekend is designed to give students opportunities to know Christ through teachings and prayer, grow together in friendship and community, and challenges them to go confidently as disciples into the world. To sign up, contact Dcn. Michael Mayo at [michael@servantsanglican.org](mailto:michael@servantsanglican.org).

**Aletheia in the Parking Lot:** A reminder 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. Signs will direct you to the exit. We're asking that all drivers honor the traffic pattern of the campus so that accidents can be avoided.

## **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 April 4.*

March Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$270,346

March Giving: *coming soon!*

2021 Giving YTD: \$263,738