



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

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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 11th-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 2nd-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

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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 4:5–20

5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. 15 But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, 16 saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a

notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” 18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

Psalm 98

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- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his own right hand and with his holy arm, *
he has won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord declared his salvation; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also and horns, *
O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, *
the round world, and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, *

for he has come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, *

and the peoples with equity.

1 John 1:1–2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the

Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gradual Hymn

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

The Gospel

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

Luke 24:36-49

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in

his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Gradual Hymn

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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This 4th-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.

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The Offertory 131

If you would like to give, you may do so online at servantsanglican.org/give.

Offertory Song

The Sursum Corda 132

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

The Sanctus 132

Syrian Christians in the 3rd 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.

The Agnus Dei 136

Literally "Lamb of God," this ancient prayer, written by Syrian Christians, was adopted by western Christianity in the 7th century.

Communion

All baptized Christians may receive Communion when worshiping with us. For online viewers, the Prayer for Spiritual Communion (BCP 677) will scroll across the screen and we invite you to pray. If you're at Servants, 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

"The Lord is My Light (Psalm 27)"

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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 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. They are currently in southern Spain, working with future leaders for Christar and other mission organizations. Brent serves as Dean for English-speaking Anglican churches in his diocese in Spain and will serve another six years as director of Christar following a three month sabbatical beginning this May. Be praying for rest and recuperation for both Brent and Kim.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: lab technicians and makers

The least reached people group: the Tajik of Central Asia

The persecuted church in: Myanmar

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: Christ Church Anglican, Crawfordville, FL; Paramount Church, Jacksonville, FL; Celebration Anglican Chapel, Celebration, 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

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Community Groups: Our Community Groups are multi-generational groups that meet monthly for fellowship and service. Visit servantsanglican.org/community-groups to contact the leader for the group nearest you.

Phase 2.1: As we move more toward normalcy with many in our community more comfortable meeting in person, we have moved to Phase 2.1. In this phase, most of our guidelines are still in place, but we've slightly relaxed the length of the service, we're allowing limited movement during the service for those who have been notified ahead of time, and we're encouraging exiting by both doors to allow for distancing and faster recessing. If you have questions, visit servantsanglican.org/reopening.

Servants Youth Group: Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm, all 6th-12th 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 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 3rd-5th 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 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 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!

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 11.

March Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$277,228

March Giving: \$21,289

2021 Giving YTD: \$268,430