



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Fifth 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 8:26–40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then

Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 66:1-11

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1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

 sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; *

 through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.

3 For all the world shall worship you, *

 sing to you, and praise your Name."

4 O come and see the works of God, *

 how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the

 water on foot; *

 therefore in him let us rejoice.

6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; *

let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

7 Bless our God, you peoples, *

and make the voice of his praise to be heard,

8 Who holds our soul in life, *

and does not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us, as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare *

and laid trouble upon our backs.

11 You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of plenty.

1 John 3:18-24

18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 Whoever

keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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.

John 14:15-21

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Gradual Hymn

The Sermon

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

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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.

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

“You Are My Vision”

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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

You are my battle-shield, 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

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

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: midwives and musicians

The least reached people group: the Thai Southeast Asia

The persecuted church in: Mauritania

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, Savannah, GA; The Table Fellowship, Jacksonville, FL; Church of the Apostles, Montrose, AL; Christ the King, St. Augustine, FL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Tim Austin, 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, Walter & Alice

Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim Moulthrop, Nan Szypulski-Lewis

Announcements

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.

College Graduates: Congratulations to Sophie Allert, Samantha Farmer, and Emily Herring. And to Brianne Kaufholz on her graduation from law school.

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.

Soaking Prayer: Tuesday, 6:30-7:30pm on Zoom. Contact Mary Langeland with questions at marylang704@gmail.com. More info and link to join are [below](#) and in the weekly email.

Wednesdays @Servants: On Wednesdays we offer most of our spiritual formation opportunities. During the summer, our adult class will be offered on Thursday evenings (see Healing Miracles in Acts announcement below).

- **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.

National Day of Prayer: This Thursday, 6:00–7:00pm, the Alachua County Christian Pastor’s Association is inviting everyone to an event at the Gainesville Raceway for the National Day of Prayer. See the ACCPA’s [event page](#) for more details.

Healing Miracles in Acts of the Apostles: Beginning Thursday, May 13, 7:00–8:00pm on Zoom, Mo. Susan Rhodes, who guest preaches for us occasionally, is offering a study on the miracles in Acts. Please email Susan at strhodes1020@gmail.com if you’re interested. The study will use the book *Healing Miracles in Acts of the Apostles*, which can be purchased [here](#) (scroll until you see the title, then add to your cart). The cost of the book is \$15.95 but scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the book but would like to participate.

Ordination of Michael Mayo: Join us Wednesday, May 19, 7:00pm for the priestly ordination of our deacon, Michael Mayo. Please RSVP for the event and contact the church office with any questions.

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 25.

March Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$290,991

March Giving: \$21,289

2021 Giving YTD: \$287,395

You are invited to Soaking Prayer via Zoom!

Soaking Prayer will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will meet online using the Zoom app. The web browser client will download automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting; but, is also available free for manual download before the service/meeting here: <https://zoom.us/download>.

- + Please indicate your interest in attending by an RSVP to Mary Langeland at marylang704@gmail.com or call or text (352) 226-0209. If you text, please indicate your name in the text.
- + After you RSVP, a Zoom invitation will be sent with the necessary access Zoom link prior to the Soaking Prayer service.
- + On the evening of May 4, at 6:30 p.m., click on the link in your invitation (or go to servantsanglican.org/zoom) to join the service/meeting which will bring you to the narthex/main meeting room. There a host will greet you, answer any questions and admit you to one of the prayer/breakout rooms, each with two intercessors who will pray privately for you.
- + Once you have received prayer, you leave the prayer room to return to the narthex/main meeting room, either leaving the service.

**"Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.**

**Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion."**

Psalm 134