



SERVANTS OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 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 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

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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 English Standard Version.

Ezekiel 31:1–6, 10–14

1 In the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude:

“Whom are you like in your greatness?

3 Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon,
with beautiful branches and forest shade,
and of towering height,
its top among the clouds.

4 The waters nourished it;
the deep made it grow tall,
making its rivers flow
around the place of its planting,
sending forth its streams
to all the trees of the field.

5 So it towered high
above all the trees of the field;
its boughs grew large

and its branches long
from abundant water in its shoots.

6 All the birds of the heavens
made their nests in its boughs;
under its branches all the beasts of the field
gave birth to their young,
and under its shadow
lived all great nations.

Psalm 92

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1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, *
and to sing praises unto your Name, O Most High,
2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning, *
and of your faithfulness in the night season,
3 Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute, *
with the sound of melody upon the harp.
4 For you, Lord, have made me glad by your deeds, *
and I will shout for joy because of your handiwork.
5 O Lord, how glorious are your works; *
your thoughts are very deep.
6 The dull of heart does not consider this, *
and a fool does not understand it:
7 Though the ungodly are as green as the grass, and though all the
workers of wickedness flourish, *

they shall be destroyed for ever; but you, Lord, are the Most High for evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O Lord, lo, your enemies shall perish, * and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horns of wild bulls; * for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eye also shall see its desire upon my enemies, * and my ear shall hear with joy the end of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord * shall flourish in the courts of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth fruit in their old age, * and shall be green and full of sap,

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, * my rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we

regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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 4th century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.

Mark 4:26-34

26 And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on

earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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 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 Psalms and the prophet Isaiah.

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). Please stay with your family/friend group and take your place in front of a cushion at the rail. You may kneel if you wish. 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

"Blessed Assurance"

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O, what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
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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

Camp Araminta is a very active week with ongoing, exciting programs and activities that keep our kids busy from the crack of dawn until the evening. Camp is open to all rising 4th-12th grade students. Camp works to build Christian community through fellowship, living the Christian ideal from day to day, and learning to hold each other accountable. Discipleship is encouraged by teaching students how to filter the culture around us and discern what we listen to, say, and do. To learn more or register your student(s), visit camparaminta.org. Contact Beth Kirby with questions at bkirby7195@gmail.com.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: radiology technicians and realtors

The least reached people group: the Vakkaliga of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Tunisia

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: Resurrection Church Anglican, Jacksonville, FL; Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne, FL; St. Francis at the Point, Point Clear, AL

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

Phase 3: As of this morning we are in Phase 3! You'll notice a few changes. First, we will no longer be requesting RSVPs for services. Second, we will offer Communion in both kinds (wine served in individual cups) and there will be an additional server at the altar. And last, across all ages, masks will only be required when indoors *and* moving, speaking or singing. While seated or outdoors, anyone may remove their mask. If you would like to read our full policy, you can visit servantsanglican.org/reopening.

Servants Youth Group: Youth Group meets tonight from 4:00–5:30pm. All 6th–12th graders are invited for a game, Bible study, discussion, and more. It's the last Youth Group of the school year! Contact Fr. Michael with questions at (214) 335-0115 or michael@servantsanglican.org.

Funeral for Walter Crosby: On Tuesday at 12:30pm in the sanctuary, we'll be celebrating the life of Walter Crosby and all are invited.

Beach Day with Servants: Saturday, June 26, at Butler Beach (5860 A1a S, St. Augustine, FL). Servant Kids is heading to the beach with their families and all are invited to join them! Contact Kim Harris to let her know to look for you at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Service of Lament and Hope: Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 11, 6:30pm. We will gather to lament the losses brought about by COVID-19 – including the loss of life, the loss of time with family and friends, the loss of “normalcy,” and more. We will mourn

together, and then remind ourselves of the hope we have that nothing and no one can take away. If you have any questions about this service, contact Fr. Michael Mayo at michael@servantsanglican.org. The service will be live streamed.

Camp Araminta: Camp is back in person this year! Registration is open and space is limited. Click [here](#) to register your rising 4th-12th grader today!

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 June 6.

2021 Budget YTD: \$331,297

2021 Giving YTD: \$315,235