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ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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.

Isaiah 57:14-21

14 And it shall be said,

“Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way.”

15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

16 For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.

17 Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;

I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
19 creating the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the Lord,
“and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
for it cannot be quiet,
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

Psalm 22:23-31

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23 O praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
magnify him, all you seed of Jacob, and fear him, all you seed of
Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the
poor; *

he has not hidden his face from him, but when he called unto
him, he heard him.

25 My praise is of you in the great congregation; *
my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; *

those who seek after the Lord shall praise him; may your
hearts live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned
unto the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, *

and he is the Governor among the peoples.

29 All those who sleep in the earth, how shall they worship him? *

All those who go down into the dust, how shall they kneel before him?

30 But my life shall be preserved in his sight, and my children shall worship him; *

they shall tell of the Lord to the generations to come;

31 And to a people yet unborn shall they declare his righteousness, *

that he has brought it to pass.

Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body

through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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 6:30-44

30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to

him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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

Congregants may add specific prayers during the pauses. Please speak loudly so that we can hear and agree with you.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. (Please offer your own thanksgivings.)
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. Give us meek

and reverent hearts to hear and trust your Holy Word, devoting our lives to your righteous service. May our daily labor be an offering to you and reflect your coming kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel and seek to fulfill your great commission at home and abroad. We pray especially for our local mission partner Gainesville Community Ministries. We also pray for the least reached people groups of the world, especially Yemeni Arabs of North Africa and the Middle East. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Bangladesh; we pray you would give them strength in their time of trouble. 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, and for all in authority, especially our President, our Congress, and our Courts. May they administer justice, govern wisely, and strive for the welfare and peace of the whole world. We also pray for first responders, relief workers, and those in the armed forces connected to our parish. 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, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom, 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

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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 next 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

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Offertory Song

The Sursum Corda

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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

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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

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The Lord’s Prayer

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The Fraction

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

The Agnus Dei

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

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians may receive Communion when worshiping with us. 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 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.

The Blessing

Hymn for Processing into the World

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
in Him meet North and South;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.
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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

Summer is always a time of high need for Gainesville Community Ministries. We're collecting donations and non-perishable items to give throughout the month of July. You can donate at gcmhelp.org/donate or make checks out to Servants with GCM on the memo line. \$25 will feed a family of 4 for two days. Drop non-perishable items in the basket in the narthex. The most-needed items are: canned meats, vegetables, fruits, and soups; boxes of macaroni or rice; hot/cold cereals; powdered milk; evaporated milk; peanut butter. You can also donate dish soap or any personal care items you like, including diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Yemeni Arabs of North Africa and the Middle East

The persecuted church in: Bangladesh

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

Announcements

Acolyte Training: Sunday, August 1, after church, all those who are or wish to become acolytes are requested to attend training. Please RSVP to Kim Harris at kim@servantsanglican.org as lunch will be provided after the service.

Ichetucknee Springs Trip: All are invited for a float down the Ichetucknee River on July 31. Look for a sign up in the weekly email so we know who to expect. If you don't yet get the weekly email, send a request to hello@servantsanglican.org to be added!

Fall Kick Off: Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 29! We'll be kicking off all our fall programs and beginning new groups. Be on the lookout for more information as the time approaches.

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 July 11.

2022 Budget YTD: \$11,704

2022 Giving YTD: \$8,833