



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 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.

Proverbs 24:1-12

- 1 Be not envious of evil men,
nor desire to be with them,
- 2 for their hearts devise violence,
and their lips talk of trouble.
- 3 By wisdom a house is built,
and by understanding it is established;
- 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled
with all precious and pleasant riches.
- 5 A wise man is full of strength,
and a man of knowledge enhances his might,
- 6 for by wise guidance you can wage your war,
and in abundance of counselors there is victory.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool;
in the gate he does not open his mouth.
- 8 Whoever plans to do evil
will be called a schemer.
- 9 The devising of folly is sin,

and the scoffer is an abomination to mankind.

10 If you faint in the day of adversity,
your strength is small.

11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death;
hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

12 If you say, "Behold, we did not know this,"
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?

Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,
and will he not repay man according to his work?

Psalm 54

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1 Save me, O God, for your Name's sake, *
and avenge me in your strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God, *
and hearken to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, *
and tyrants, who do not have God before their eyes, seek
after my life.

4 Behold, God is my helper; *
the Lord is he who upholds my life.

5 He shall repay the evil of my enemies. *
O destroy them in your faithfulness.

6 A freewill offering will I give you, *
and praise your Name, O Lord, because it is good.

7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my enemies.

James 3:16-4:6

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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 9:30–37

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” 36 And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

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. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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 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 Prayer of Humble Access 135

The Agnus Dei 136

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 Songs

The Post-Communion Prayer 137

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

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

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Lead on O King Eternal, the day of march has come
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home
Thro' days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong
And now O King eternal we lift our battle song
And now O King eternal we lift our battle song
We lift our battle song

Lead on O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes
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Lead on O King Eternal, we follow not with fears
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light
The crown awaits the conquest, lead on O God of might
The crown awaits the conquest, lead on O God of might
Lead on O God of Might

Lead on O King, Lead on O God
Lead on O King, Lead on O God

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

A few years ago we woke up to the fact that the Lord has placed a field for mission work right beside our building: Littlewood Elementary School. We frequently meet with the principal and other staff and faculty to learn what projects would be most helpful to the school. We've cleaned roof gutters, we've done landscaping, we've painted cabinets and lines on sidewalks, we've provided breakfast, and more. To get involved, contact Fr. Michael Mayo at michael@servantsanglican.org.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Bhoi of South Asia

The persecuted church in: the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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, James, and Michael, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

Churches in our diocese: St. Andrews Anglican Church, Douglas, GA; Resurrection Anglican, Shalimar, FL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Tim Austin, Karen Langer, and Sandra Mixson; 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, and Stan Reigger

Announcements

Freedom to Invest Initiative: Our vestry has announced an initiative to pay off our mortgage and to invite all our attendees to invest in the future of Servants. As we pay down the principal on our mortgage, funds will be freed up for the church invest in ministry spaces and more! To give go to servantsanglican.org/give. When you designate to give to the campaign, you can track how much you've given and how close we are to our goal!

Fellowship Directory: We're printing our biannual Fellowship Directory this week! Please review your contact information [here](#) and email communications@servantsanglican.org if you find any errors. Thank you for helping us keep our community connected by providing up-to-date information!

“Belonging to Christ: The Lord’s Prayer” is part of our foundational catechesis series that includes the Apostles’ Creed and Ten Commandments. Join the “Godspace” track after the service today in the Community Room or the “in-depth” track online this Wednesday, 7:00–8:00pm. For more information, visit servantsanglican.org/fall2021. Join the [call](#). Contact Fr. Bob Ayres at bob@servantsanglican.org with questions.

Community Groups: Our online Community Group, the Southeast Group, will meet after church today. Call Cindy Hughes-Davis to get

the link to join at (352) 665-2547.

Club 345 and Youth Group: The two groups will meet separately at the church tonight from 4:00-6:00pm. Masks will be required while indoors regardless of vaccination status. See Kim Harris with questions about Club 345 and Fr. Michael Mayo with questions about Youth Group.

Performing Arts Group: Wednesday, 6:00-7:00pm, at the church, all K-12th graders are invited to join the Performing Arts Group which will meet every other Wednesday to learn music for special services, practice reading for the church, and more! Contact Kim Harris with questions at kim@servantsanglican.org.

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 September 12.

2022 Budget YTD: \$73,575

2022 Giving YTD: \$60,724