



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 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.

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.

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.

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-20, 24-29

4 Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. 11 Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ 14 I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

16 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. 17 And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. 18 And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the Lord, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt.”’ Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. 19 You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the Lord who is among you and have wept before him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?”’”

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” 29 But Moses said to him, “Are you

jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

Psalm 19:7-14

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7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; *

sweeter also than honey, than the drippings from the
honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught, *

and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the
dominion over me; *

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
always acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

James 4:7-12

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

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 9:38-48

38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” 39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40 For the one who is not against us is for us. 41 For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink

because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

42 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

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

“Put Not Your Hope in the Nation (Psalm 146)”

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Put not your hope in the nation;
Put not your hope in a king.
Trust in the only one who opens eyes
and sets the prisoner free.
He is the maker of heaven;
He formed the earth and the sea.
Our help will come from the Lord our God,
our gracious king of peace.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

He is the hope of the hungry;
He is the Lord of the feast.
Our Father's house always opens wide
to welcome refugees.
The fatherless find a Father;
the widow rests in His strength.
The heart of God is forever home
to all the poor and weak. *Refrain*

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: Brahmin of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Kazakhstan

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: Trinity Anglican, Thomasville, GA; Grace Point Anglican Fellowship, Homosassa, 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

Fellowship Directory: We've published our biannual Fellowship Directory! Paper copies will be available next week. A digital copy will be emailed this afternoon to those in the directory.

“Belonging to Christ: The Lord’s Prayer”: This is our foundational catechesis series which focuses on an understanding of The Lord’s Prayer. *There are two different options for attending this class:*

Wednesdays on Zoom at 7:00pm or **Sundays** in the Community Room after the service. On Wednesdays, join Fr. Bob Ayres each week through November 3 [here](#). On Sundays, join Kathy Ayres and Justin Smith for class at a different pace – “Godspace” – where the group will have opportunities for hands-on learning and discussion. Contact Fr. Bob at bob@servantsanglican.org with any questions about either option!

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

Reading Glasses: Our JOYs group and Club 345 are joining efforts to collect and sort reading glasses for those in the Alachua County jail. All strengths are needed! You may donate old pairs in good condition or buy new pairs (Dollar Tree is a good place). Drop donations off in the narthex next Sunday. Contact Fr. Bob Ayres with questions at bob@servantsanglican.org.

Men’s Hiking Trip Interest Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, all men are invited to Cypress & Grove at 8:00pm for an interest meeting regarding a possible hiking trip on the weekend of November 19.

Contact Fr. Alex Farmer with questions at alex@servantsanglican.org.

Freedom to Invest Initiative: Our vestry has announced an initiative to pay off our mortgage and to invite all our attendees to pray about investing 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!

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 19.

2022 Budget YTD: \$80,630

2022 Giving YTD: \$64,029