



# SERVANTS OF CHRIST

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 worship from home and 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 to listen, 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 11<sup>th</sup>-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 2<sup>nd</sup>-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.*

### 1 Samuel 17:38-40, 46-47

38 Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, 39 and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off.

40 Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand.”

### Psalm 8

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1 O LORD our Governor, how excellent is your Name in all the world; \*

you have set your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and infants you have ordained strength,  
because of your enemies, \*

that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens, even the works of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars, which you have ordained,

4 What is man, that you are mindful of him, \*  
the son of man, that you visit him?

5 You made him little lower than the angels, \*  
to crown him with glory and honor.

6 You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands,\*  
and you have put all things in subjection under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how excellent is your Name in all the world!

### **Acts 10:9–35**

9 The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

10 And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance 11 and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down

by its four corners upon the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." 15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

17 Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate 18 and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. 19 And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. 20 Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." 21 And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" 22 And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." 23 So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. 24 And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. 28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how

unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

30 And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing 31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ 33 So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

## Gradual Hymn

*The medieval practice of singing before the Gospel reading was restored in American Anglicanism in 1928.*

## The Gospel

*Since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.*

## John 17:20-26

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that

the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

## The Sermon

*Our preacher this morning is Brent McHugh. Brent & Kim McHugh are one of Servants' global mission partners. Brent, as International Director, has provided spiritual, visionary, executive, and developmental leadership to Christar, a nonprofit Christian organization whose vision is to cultivate Christ-honoring transformation in communities where Christ is yet to be worshipped. He and Kim live in Malaga, Spain and have two adult children.*

## The Nicene Creed

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*This 4<sup>th</sup>-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 2<sup>nd</sup> century and opens the Communion service in every ancient liturgy known today.*

The Sanctus 132

*Syrian Christians in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

#### “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim  
And spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace

He speaks and listening to His voice new life the dead receive  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice the humble poor believe

Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb your loosened tongues employ  
Ye blind behold your Savior come and leap ye lame for joy

Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heav'n

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King the triumphs of His grace

## The Dismissal

*To honor this parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya we use the dismissal form from the Kenyan Prayer Book. You may see parishioners pointing to the cross as we send our cares to Christ, and then pointing to the heavens as we declare where our hope resides. These are optional motions – as you may have heard said, “all may, some should, none must.”*

*Deacon* All of our problems  
*All* We send to the Cross of Christ.  
*Deacon* All of our difficulties  
*All* We send to the Cross of Christ.  
*Deacon* All the devil's works  
*All* We send to the Cross of Christ.  
*Deacon* All of our hopes  
*All* We set on the risen Christ.

*The deacon or priest sends us out into the world with a final dismissal.*

*All* Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

## 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](mailto:michael@servantsanglican.org).

## Prayer Reminders for the Week

**The least reached people group:** Burmese of Southeast Asia

**The persecuted church in:** Cameroon

**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. Barnabas Church, Jacksonville, FL; New Life Anglican Church, Lake Placid, FL; St. Peter's Mission, Daleville, MS

**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 are available the narthex. 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. Contact Fr. Bob at [bob@servantsanglican.org](mailto:bob@servantsanglican.org) with any questions about either option!

- **Sundays** in the Community Room after the service.

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

- **Wednesdays** on Zoom at 7:00pm. On Wednesdays, join Fr. Bob Ayres each week for an in-depth walk through the prayer, now through November 3, [here](#).

**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.

**Soaking Prayer:** Our monthly Soaking Prayer event is back in person! Come anytime on Tuesday between 6:30-8:30pm to pray and be prayed over in a quiet, worshipful atmosphere in the Sanctuary. Contact Mary Langeland with questions at [marylang704@gmail.com](mailto:marylang704@gmail.com).

**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). Checks can also be made out to Servants of Christ with "glasses" in the memo line and dropped in the offering plate. Drop glasses off in the narthex over the next few Sundays. Contact Fr. Bob Ayres with questions at [bob@servantsanglican.org](mailto:bob@servantsanglican.org).

**Men's Hiking Trip Interest Meeting:** This meeting has been changed! Tuesday, October 12, all men are invited to First Magnitude 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](mailto:alex@servantsanglican.org).

**Community Groups:** We hope you'll join one of our Community Groups this fall. The groups consist of 25-40 people who often live in the same part of town and meet monthly for fellowship and snacks or a meal. Location generally varies each month. Below are

the meeting dates for October:

- **Buchholz Community Group:** Friday, October 8, 5:30–7:30pm. Contact Danielle Elswick to get location details: [danielleck@gmail.com](mailto:danielleck@gmail.com).
- **Glen Springs/Norton Community Group:** Sunday, October 10, 5:00–6:30pm. It's a pumpkin theme, so bring your favorite pumpkin snack to share! Contact Emily Wilson for location details at [wilsonemily56@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonemily56@gmail.com).
- **Southeast/Zoom Community Group:** Sunday, October 17, immediately after church on Zoom. Contact Cindy Hughes–Davis to get the link to join at [shallpass1@icloud.com](mailto:shallpass1@icloud.com).

**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](https://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 26.*

2022 Budget YTD: \$87,685

2022 Giving YTD: \$68,546

Freedom to Invest Initiative (September 12, 2021–March 15, 2023)

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$5,025