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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 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

621

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

728

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.

Amos 5:6–15

6 Seek the Lord and live,

lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

7 O you who turn justice to wormwood

and cast down righteousness to the earth!

8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion,

and turns deep darkness into the morning
and darkens the day into night,

who calls for the waters of the sea

and pours them out on the surface of the earth,

the Lord is his name;

9 who makes destruction flash forth against the strong,

so that destruction comes upon the fortress.

10 They hate him who reproves in the gate,

and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

11 Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

12 For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

13 Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.

15 Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the
world were made, *
you are God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 You turn man back to the dust; *
you say, "Return, O children of men."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, *
even as a day that is past.
- 5 You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; *
they are even as a dream and fade away.
- 6 They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, *
but in the evening is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure *
and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 For when you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
- 10 The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so
strong that they come to eighty years, *
yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and
we are gone.

11 But who regards the power of your wrath, *
and who considers the fierceness of your anger?
12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Turn again, O LORD, and tarry not; *
be gracious unto your servants.
14 O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Comfort us again, according to the measure of the days that you
have afflicted us, *
and for the years in which we have suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your work *
and their children your glory.
17 And may the grace of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; O prosper our handiwork.

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's

house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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 10:17-31

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” 20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be

saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” 28 Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

“How Great Thou Art”

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O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *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. 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 our problems

All We send to the cross of Christ.

Deacon All 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 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.

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, Larry & Leslie Goble, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim Moulthrop, Nan Szypulski-Lewis, and Stan Reigger

Announcements

“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 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.

JOYs: This Tuesday, 11:00am, at Westside Park. Our Just Older Youngsters (JOYs) are gathering for fellowship and Midday Prayer at the picnic tables by the playground. Bring a snack and drink if you like, too! Contact Fr. Bob Ayres with questions at bob@servantsanglican.org.

Men's Hiking Trip Interest Meeting: This 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.

Community Groups: We hope you'll join one of our Community Groups this month. 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 remaining meeting dates for October:

- **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.

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!

Codes for Littlewood Elementary: We can help raise money for Littlewood by submitting codes from Coca–Cola products. Coca–Cola has codes on all products it sells (underneath a bottle cap,

inside the flap of a cardboard pack, or a black square underneath a shrink wrapped case). You can go to us.coca-cola.com/give/schools, make an account, and enter codes or you can collect the caps/clip the codes in the packs/cases and bring them to the church to drop in the narthex and we'll take it from there. Littlewood is our church's local outreach, and since we can't be on campus in person right now, this is a great opportunity to help the school!

Littlewood Work Day: Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 23. We're finalizing details and we'll let you know more as soon as soon as we can!

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: \$94,610

2022 Giving YTD: \$73,025

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$10,025 (2%)