



# SERVANTS OF CHRIST

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

### October 31, 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 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.*

## Proclamation 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.*

*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.*

### **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

1 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1 Blessed are those who are undefiled in their ways, \*  
and walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies \*  
and seek him with their whole heart,

3 Even those who do no wickedness \*  
and perfectly walk in his ways.

4 You have ordered your precepts \*  
that we should diligently keep them.

5 O that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then would I not be put to shame \*  
while I give heed unto all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an upright heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
O do not forsake me utterly.

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By ruling himself according to your word.

10 With my whole heart I have sought you; \*  
O let me not go astray from your commandments.

11 Your words have I hidden within my heart, \*

that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; \*

teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling \*

of all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have had greater delight in the way of your testimonies \*

than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments \*

and have respect for all your ways.

16 My delight will be in your statutes, \*

and I will not forget your word.

### **Hebrews 7:23-28**

23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but

the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

## 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.*

### **Mark 12:28-34**

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32 And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

*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

## “The Solid Rock”

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My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant, His blood

Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne *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



When Servants was formed in 2006, we were invited to be part of the Diocese of Southern Nyanza, Kenya, under the leadership of Bp. James Ochiel. Though we are now under the ACNA and Bp. James is retired, we continue to receive spiritual support from him and we give financially to his trust – the Bp. Ochiel Siloam

Trust. We have a scholarship fund for high school and college students and for building water tanks. Throughout the month of November we'll be collecting funds for these projects. Visit [servantsanglican.org/give](http://servantsanglican.org/give) to donate online or make checks out to Servants of Christ with “Kenya scholarships” or “Kenya water tanks” in the memo line. Contact Janice Ladd with questions at [janladd3@gmail.com](mailto:janladd3@gmail.com).

## **Prayer Reminders for the Week**

**The least reached people group:** Dhobi of South Asia

**The persecuted church in:** Mozambique

**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:** Apostles by the Sea, Rosemary Beach, FL; Christ Church Anglican, Jacksonville, FL; Church of the Good

Shepherd, Auburn, AL; Christ's Anglican Fellowship, High Springs, 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, Larry & Leslie Goble, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim Moulthrop, Nan Szypulski-Lewis, and Stan Reigger

## Announcements

### Special Events

**Acolyte Training:** Today any 2<sup>nd</sup> graders-adults who are interested are invited to acolyte training after the service. Lunch is provided. Speak to Kim Harris after the service if you have any questions.

**Soaking Prayer:** Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, join us for our monthly Soaking Prayer event. During this time, there will be quiet worship music playing in the Sanctuary for you to soak in, and our prayer team will be around to pray for and with you about any need you have. Please plan to wear a mask for the duration of your stay. Come for 10 minutes, half an hour, or stay the whole time! Contact Mary Langeland at [marylang704@gmail.com](mailto:marylang704@gmail.com) with questions.

**Synod 2021:** November 5-6 at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral. This year's theme is "Building Leadership Pipelines" based on 2 Timothy 2:1-2. Registration is now open, everyone is invited, and we encourage you to attend if you're able! Each Synod offers workshops which many of our people have found to be a great resource over the years, and of course, gathering at the diocesan level offers wonderful community and is of great encouragement! Because there is still some risk from COVID, the main sessions will also be live streamed (registration is still required). Childcare is available. [Register now!](#)

**#ChooseTheLight Training:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11 for our sexual misconduct prevention training at Servants. You should plan to attend if you currently serve in a ministry that includes children who are either ministry recipients or co-volunteers. Those who are new to the training should plan to attend from 9:00am-11:00am; those who are renewing should plan to attend 11:00am-12:30pm (the times have been modified, please make note). Email Kim Harris with any questions at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org).

## Weekly Gatherings

**“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 through November 21.
- **Wednesdays** on Zoom at 7:00pm. This is the last week with Fr. Bob Ayres’s in-depth walk through the prayer. Join the call [here](#).

**Youth Group:** Youth Group will meet at the church tonight from 4:00-6:00pm. Masks are required while indoors regardless of vaccination status. Contact Fr. Michael Mayo with questions at [michael@servantsanglican.org](mailto:michael@servantsanglican.org).

**Club 345:** Tonight only, Club 345 will meet from 3:30-5:00pm and will enjoy dinner together – younger siblings are invited, costumes are encouraged, and dinner will be served! Contact Kim Harris with questions at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org). Next week the group will resume normal meeting hours: 4:00-6:00pm with no dinner.

**Young Adult Group:** Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00pm, our young adults gather to hang out and fellowship. The location changes weekly, so contact Kim Harris if you'd like to attend at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org).

**Wednesdays @Servants:** We're back with new classes this fall! We've got two short classes planned:

- **“The Biblical Narrative”:** November 10 & 17 on Zoom. The class will be led by Fr. Michael Mayo and will be a metanarrative survey of the Old and New Testaments.
- **“Running on Judeo-Christian Fumes”:** December 1 & 8 on Zoom. In week 1, Dr. Andrew Hanson will lead us through a stark look at the ways moving away from Judeo-Christian values has created disintegration of metaphysical, ethical, and emotional structures and encourages our society to enthrone politics and power, deny objective evil, and jettison forgiveness and personal accountability. In Week 2, he will offer encouragement and two possible ways forward by looking back at history and scripture.

**“Anglicanism 101”:** Sundays, November 28, December 5 & 12, Fr. James and Fr. Alex will be leading an introduction to Anglicanism class in the Sanctuary. This event will be in person and also streamed online. The class is ideal for anyone who is interested in learning more about Anglicanism – even if you've been in the Anglican Church your whole life!

## Ways to Serve

**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!

**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](https://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!

## 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 October 24.*

2022 Budget YTD: \$108,266

2022 Giving YTD: \$101,737

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$12,213 (2%)