



SERVANTS OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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

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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.

Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Psalm 149

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1 Praise the LORD. O sing unto the LORD a new song; *
let the congregation of the faithful praise him.
2 Let Israel rejoice in the one who made him, *
and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD has pleasure in his people *
and gives victory to those who are oppressed.
5 Let the faithful be joyful with glory; *
let them rejoice upon their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth *
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
7 To inflict vengeance on the nations, *
and to rebuke the peoples,
8 To bind their kings in chains, *

and their nobles with links of iron,
9 That they may execute judgment upon them, as it is written; *
this is the honor of all his servants. Praise the LORD.

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.

Luke 6:20-26(27-36)

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other

also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

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. We pray especially for our mission partner, the Bp. Ochiel Siloam Trust. We also pray for the least reached people groups of the world, especially the Gadaria of South Asia. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Malaysia; we pray you would give them strength in their time of trouble. 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, and for all in authority, especially our President, our Congress, and our Courts. May they administer justice, govern wisely, and strive for the welfare and peace of the whole world. We also pray for first responders, relief workers, and those in the armed forces connected to our parish. 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, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom, 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

“Blessed Assurance”

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
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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 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.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Gadaria of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Malaysia

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: Christ Church, Vero Beach, FL; St. Peter’s in the Glen Anglican Fellowship, Glen St. Mary, FL; Incarnation Tallahassee, Tallahassee, 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

Men's Hiking Meeting: Tuesday, 8:00pm at First Magnitude, the men going on the hiking trip will gather to weigh packs. Contact Jose Boada at jose@boada.org with questions.

#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.

Kids Fall Festival: Friday, November 19, 6:00-8:00pm at Servants. K-5th graders are invited to celebrate fall with games, crafts, and food! Invite friends from school or families that you know to come for a fun evening. Donations of candy and cupcakes are needed. If you can help, please contact Kim Harris. Families should plan to stay and RSVP to Kim at 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. The class typically meets on Sundays after church in the Community Room, *except for this week*. Next week the group will be back. Led by Kathy Ayres and Justin Smith, the class moves at a different pace – "Godspace" – where they have opportunities for hands-on learning and discussion. Contact Fr. Bob at bob@servantsanglican.org with any questions!

Youth Group & Club 345: Youth Group for 6th-12th grades and Club 345 for 3rd-5th grade meets at the church tonight from 4:00-6:00pm. The groups meet separately, so contact Fr. Michael Mayo with questions about Youth Group at michael@servantsanglican.org and

Kim Harris with questions about Club 345 at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Servants Young Adults: Join the group tonight at Servants at 6:30pm for Compline and Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00pm, to hang out and fellowship. The Tuesday location changes weekly, so contact Kim Harris if you'd like to attend at kim@servantsanglican.org.

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

- **“The Biblical Narrative”:** For the next two Wednesdays [on Zoom](#) at 7:00pm, join Fr. Michael Mayo for a metanarrative survey of the Old and New Testaments. Sign up for the class [here](#).
- **“Running on Judeo-Christian Fumes”:** December 1 & 8 [on Zoom](#) at 7:00pm. 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. Sign up [here](#).

“Anglicanism 101”: Sundays, November 28, December 5 & 12 after the service, 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! Sign up to attend in person or online [here](#).

Monthly Meetings

JOYs: Fall is in the air! Join the group of Just Older Youngsters this Tuesday, from 11:00am–1:00pm at Westside Park at the patio

adjacent to the Westside Rec Center. Bring your own beverage and snack or sandwich if you like, and be ready to catch up and have Midday Prayer! Contact Bob Ayres with questions at bob@servantsanglican.org.

Community Groups: Come to one of our Community Groups this month! Community 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, so reach out to the leader for more info. Below are the meeting dates for November:

- **Buchholz Community Group:** This Thursday, at Danielle Elswick's house (11608 NW 9th Ln., 32606), 6:00-8:00pm. Bring a Thanksgiving side or dessert to share. Contact Danielle at danielleck@gmail.com.
- **Glen Springs/Norton Community Group:** Sunday, November 14, 5:00-6:30pm. Contact Kathy Ayres for location details at kathyayres123@gmail.com.
- **Southeast/Zoom Community Group:** Sunday, November 21, immediately after church. Contact Cindy Hughes-Davis for details at shallpass1@icloud.com.

Ways to Serve

Strike Out Hunger: The Long Foundation is partnering with the Alachua County Christian Pastor's Association (Fr. Alex is the head of the ACCPA) to do a food and turkey giveaway on Thursday, November 18 in the Oaks Mall parking lot. Volunteer to sort or hand out food anytime between 5:00am-1:00pm. Food distribution is 9:00am-12:00pm. If you want to volunteer, you must sign up [here](#).

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 October 31.

2022 Budget YTD: \$108,266

2022 Giving YTD: \$104,938

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$16,438 (3%)