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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.

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 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.

1 Kings 17:8-16

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; *

while I live I will praise the LORD.

2 Indeed, as long as I have my being, *

I will sing praises unto my God.

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, *

for there is no help in them.

4 For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, *

and in that day all his thoughts perish.

5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help *

and whose hope is in the LORD his God,

6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

7 Who does right to those who suffer wrong; *

and who feeds the hungry.

8 The LORD sets prisoners free; *

the LORD gives sight to the blind.

9 The LORD helps those who have fallen; *

the LORD loves the righteous.

10 The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow; *

but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.

11 The LORD shall be King for evermore, *

even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the LORD.

Hebrews 9:24-28

24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for 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 4th century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.

Mark 12:38-44

38 And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces 39 and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 40 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long

prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. 43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. 44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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 Gond 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 Indonesia; 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. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail where you may kneel. If you are not baptized and would like to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will quietly pray God’s blessing upon you. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest.

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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting birds and flowing fountains
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well spring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

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: Gond of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Indonesia

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: Church of Our Savior, Jacksonville Beach, FL; Christchurch, Montgomery, AL; Church of the Good Samaritan, Middleburg, FL; Incarnation Biloxi, Biloxi, 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

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Special Events

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.

#ChooseTheLight Training: Saturday, December 11 is our biannual sexual misconduct prevention training at Servants. You should plan to attend if you currently serve in a ministry at Servants. Those who are new to the training should plan to attend from 9:00am–12:30pm; those who are renewing should plan to attend 11:00am–12:30pm (*the times have been modified, please make note*). Attendees should read through the [Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) prior to the training. Email Kim Harris with any questions 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 until November 21. Led by Kathy Ayres and Justin Smith, the class moves at a different pace – “Godspace” – where attendees 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”: Wednesdays [on Zoom](#) at

7:00pm, join Fr. Michael Mayo for the 2nd part of his 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](#).
- **Ask a Priest**: December 15, 7:00pm [on Zoom](#). Come ask a priest anything! Submit questions ahead of time [here](#) or just come with your question prepared. Maybe you’ve always wondered about how the Bible came to us, or perhaps you have questions about Baptism or Communion, or maybe you have a burning question about how Servants interact with some aspect of the broader culture. Nothing is off-limits and we encourage you to write questions down as they occur to you in the service or during your week!

“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

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:

- **Glen Springs/Norton Community Group:** Tonight, November 14, 5:00-6:30pm at Greentree Park. Contact Emily Wilson for more info at wilsonemily56@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: This Thursday we're working with the Long Foundation and the Alachua County Christian Pastor's Association (Fr. Alex is the head of the ACCPA) to do a food and turkey giveaway in the Oaks Mall parking lot. Volunteer to sort or hand out food anytime between 5:00am-1:00pm. Food distribution begins at 8:00am. If you want to volunteer, you must sign up [here](#).

Citrus Home at Tacachale: As we do every year, we've reached out to the Citrus Home at Tacachale to see how we might bless the men who reside there this Christmas. We won't be able to carol at their home this year due to COVID, but we can send gifts! Sign up [here](#) and choose one of the men, then get one of the gifts from his list. Gifts are due by December 5. Contact Tracy La Cagnina with questions at admin@servantsanglican.org.

Pray for the Persecuted Church: This November, we'd like to let you know how you can pray for the persecuted Church around the world. We already list one country from OpenDoors' World Watch List in our prayers each week, but there are many more needs. You can visit [OpenDoors](#) or [Voice of the Martyrs](#) to learn how you can pray or give to help fellow believers.

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 November 7.

2022 Budget YTD: \$129,009

2022 Giving YTD: \$110,362

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$17,076 (3%)