



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The First Sunday of Epiphany

January 9, 2022

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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](#). Most 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 worshiping the cross. It is a way some choose to honor Jesus's atoning death for us.

The Acclamation 145

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 601

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 719

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.

Isaiah 42:1–9

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

5 Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand shall hold him fast, *
and my arm shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; *
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
- 23 I will smite his foes before his face *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, *
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will give him dominion over the sea, *
and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.
- 26 He shall say to me, "You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation."
- 27 And I will make him my firstborn, *
higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 My mercy will I keep for him for ever, *
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
- 29 His seed will I make to endure for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.

Acts 10:34-38

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. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with 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.

Luke 3:15-22

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that

Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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, Christians Concerned for the Community. We also pray for the least reached people groups of the world, especially the Java Banyumasan of Southeast Asia. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Pakistan; 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 Doxology

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

“The Lord is My Light (Psalm 27)”

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The LORD is my light and my salvation
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Whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life;

Whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me
Whom shall I fear? *Chorus*

Wait on the LORD and be of good courage
Wait on the LORD and be of good courage
Wait on the LORD and be of good courage
Whom shall I fear? *Chorus*

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

Christians Concerned for the Community (CCC) is a local outreach that Servants has partnered with for many years. CCC works to help meet the practical, spiritual, and human development needs of Alachua County residents by equipping the Church to help people. You can help CCC with their mission by donating household items (new or clean, good condition only) through January 23. Small items are preferred as their storage space is small and they do not have room for non-essential items. **Please only donate these essentials: large-size glasses, mugs, cereal/soup bowls, silverware, bed linens (twin, full, queen), bath towels, washcloths, pots and pans.** For more information, contact Tracy La Cagnina at tracy.lacagnina@gmail.com.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Java Banyumasan of Southeast Asia

The persecuted church in: Pakistan

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, Michael, and Susan, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

Churches in our diocese: All Saints Anglican Church, Tallahassee, FL; St. Luke's Anglican Fellowship, Tallahassee, FL; All Souls Anglican Church, Jacksonville, FL; Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Mobile, AL

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

Mission Alachua County: Tuesday, January 18, 7:00-9:00pm at the Cade Museum, come hear missiologist and Gordon Theological Seminary president Dr. Scott Sunquist encourage and challenge us

as the Body of Christ in our missional call to “preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God and heal every disease and sickness” (Matt. 9:35). Pastor Gerard Duncan will be moderating. Hear more about the event and the vision behind it [here](#).

Church History Deep Dive: Tuesday, January 11 & 25, 7:00pm at the Farmers’. Join Fr. Alex for a 2-part study on the 2nd century Church using *Christianity at the Crossroads* by Michael Kruger. Books are available in the narthex for those who wish to participate. Please sign the list (also in the narthex) if you take a book. Contact Fr. Alex at alex@servantsanglican.org if you have any questions; the Farmers’ address is 5517 SW 37th Dr.

Weekly Gatherings

“The Lord’s Prayer” – Godspace: Today the Godspace group studying The Lord’s Prayer will recommence meeting after church in the Community Room. The group will continue studying The Lord’s Prayer until they finish, then will pick up studying The Apostles’ Creed. This study is part of our catechesis rotation and anyone is welcome to join at any point! The study will continue each Sunday until the end of February.

“Believing in Christ: The Apostles’ Creed” – In Depth: Next up in our catechesis rotation is the Apostles’ Creed! The class begins this Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00pm on Zoom (join the class [here](#)), and will last 7 weeks. Catechesis (a fancy word for instruction/teaching) is for everyone and has been a part of Christian formation from the beginning of our faith. In fact, the Anglican catechism instructs in an ancient way using the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We offer a class for each component on rotation, so jump in anytime! Contact Fr. Bob Ayres with questions at bob@servantsanglican.org.

Youth Group: Youth Group for 6th–12th grades meets at the church tonight from 4:00–6:00pm. Contact Fr. Michael Mayo with questions at michael@servantsanglican.org.

Club 345: Club 345 for 3rd-5th grades meets at the church tonight from 4:00-6:00pm. Contact Kim Harris for the address or with questions at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Servants Young Adults: This Tuesday the group is meeting from 7:00-9:00pm at the Farmers' house. Contact Kim Harris if you'd like to attend at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Monthly Gatherings

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:** Today, 4:30-6:30p at the McCreas' home, 2322 NW 32nd St. Contact Emily Wilson for more info at (352) 538-6401.
- **Southeast/Zoom Community Group:** Sunday, January 16, immediately after church. Contact Cindy Hughes-Davis for details at shallpass1@icloud.com.

Just Older Youngsters (JOYs): Tuesday, 11:00am on Zoom, all retirees and those nearing retirement are invited for Midday Prayer and fellowship. Join the call [here](#)! Contact Fr. Bob Ayres with questions at bob@servantsanglican.org.

Ways to Serve

Christians Concerned for the Community: You can donate essential household items through January 23! The needed items are: large-size glasses, mugs, cereal/soup bowls, silverware, bed linens (twin, full, queen), bath towels, washcloths, pots and pans. If donating used, please only give clean items, in good condition to preserve the dignity of the recipients. See our [Mission Spotlight](#) above for more

information.

Meals for Dr. Jim Moulthrop: Dr. Jim recently learned that he has cancer and is now undergoing treatment. His daughter Kim is staying with him to help out and we can best help them both by providing meals for two! If you'd like to take a meal, you can do so by signing up [here](#). Thank you all for your generosity to one another!

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!

Flower Ministry: If you would be interested in serving on an altar flower ministry team, contact Darden Pyron at pyrond@fiu.edu.

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 January 2.

2022 Budget YTD: \$185,320

2022 Giving YTD: \$165,576

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$26,212 (5%)