



SERVANTS OF CHRIST  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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, please contact the Church Office. 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.*

*At times you may see some people bowing or making the sign of the cross.*

*These gestures are symbolic customs (called sacramentals) that some prefer to use in keeping with our ancient roots. At Servants you'll hear the phrase "all may, some should, none must," which is our general guide for these customs.*

### Processional Hymn

*The ministers for the service enter preceded by a cross. The cross is one of several symbols of Christ present in the service and some choose to bow as it passes to honor Jesus's atoning death for us.*

### The Acclamation

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*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.*

The Collect of the Day 618

*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 727

*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.*

**Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:11**

12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 14 I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

15 What is crooked cannot be made straight,  
and what is lacking cannot be counted.

16 I said in my heart, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.” 17 And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

18 For in much wisdom is much vexation,  
and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

1 I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” 3 I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. 4 I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. 5 I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. 6 I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. 7 I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. 8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained

under the sun.

## Psalm 49:1-12

1 Hear this, all you peoples; \*

ponder it with your ears, all who dwell in the world,

2 High and low, rich and poor, \*

everyone with his neighbor.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*

and my heart shall muse on understanding.

4 I will incline my ear to a parable, \*

and declare my dark sayings with the harp.

5 Why should I fear in the days of wickedness, \*

and when the wicked at my heels encompass me round about?

6 There are some who put their trust in their goods, \*

and boast in the multitude of their riches.

7 But no one can deliver his brother, \*

nor pay unto God a price for him;

8 For it is so costly to redeem their souls, \*

that we should never have enough to pay it,

9 So that they should live for ever, \*

and should not see the grave.

10 For we see that wise men die, as well as the ignorant and

foolish; \*

they perish alike and leave their riches for others.

11 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling places shall endure from one generation to another, \*

and they call lands after their own names.

12 Man is like an ox that has no understanding; \*

he is like the beasts that perish.

### **Colossians 3:1-17**

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you

also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through 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 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.*

## **Luke 12:13–21**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” 16 And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they

be?’ 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

## The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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## 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: we thank you for raising up Bishop-Elect Alex to lead the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. Stir up the gifts of the Holy Spirit to prepare him for his consecration and his new ministry, that he might be 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; bless his family and give them your peace during this season of transition; finally, strengthen Bp. Neil Lebhar, the diocesan staff, and the clergy and people of our diocese and prepare us all for what lies ahead. We especially ask you to so guide the hearts and minds of our vestry and search committee, that they will choose a faithful rector for Servants of Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. 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, Gainesville Community Ministry. We also pray for the least reached people groups of the world, especially the Muslim Jat 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 Niger; 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 & Absolution of Sin 130

The Comfortable Words 130

The Peace 131

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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 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. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail where you may kneel or stand. 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, raise your hand at the rail as a signal to the priest. If you are unable to walk to the altar, but would like Communion, please notify an usher.*

*During Communion, prayer intercessors are available to pray for you for anything you need. Look for the two people standing near the east emergency exit doors.*

## 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 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, like crossing oneself or bowing toward the cross or the altar (another symbol of Christ).*

*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.

## Mission Spotlight

Gainesville Community Ministries (GCM) is one of the local missions that Servants supports. GCM provides emergency food for the elderly, the disabled, homeless, and the working poor with families during times when food is otherwise unavailable due to limited incomes. A 2 day supply is given to each member of the household every 28 days. Learn more about GCM's services at [gcmhelp.org](http://gcmhelp.org).

## Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Muslim Jat of South Asia

## **The persecuted church in: Niger**

**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 and diocese:** Foley, our Archbishop; Neil, our Bishop; Alex, our Bishop-Elect and Rector; Bob, James, Michael, and Susan, assisting clergy; Kathy Ayres and Justin Smith, postulants; 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—Fr. Alex Farmer, Jim Mouthrop, and Sandra Mixson; Servants at home—Barbara Austin, Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke, Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Larry & Lesley Goble, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Nan Szypulski-Lewis, and Stan Reigger

## **Announcements**

### **Special Events**

**Celebration for Jody Farmer and Fr. Alex:** Save the dates for two celebrations! The celebration for Jody will be Friday, August 19, 5:00–7:00pm at Ramona Chance's home. The celebration for Fr. Alex will be Saturday, August 20, 11:30am–1:00pm at the Gainesville Garden Club. Invitations will follow, but you can [RSVP now!](#) If you

would like to contribute time assisting the team or funds to defray costs, please contact Gail Wells at [gailwells266@msn.com](mailto:gailwells266@msn.com).

**Servants App Launch:** Almost a year ago Fr. Alex teased that we would be getting an app that would revolutionize our life together as a congregation. The reality is that revolutions take time and we've been working on this project ever since. But it's now time to get excited – *App Launch Sunday is September 18!* The app is [already live](#) and select ministry groups will be testing it all this coming month so that our launch is as smooth as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Nikki Smith at [nikki@servantsanglican.org](mailto:nikki@servantsanglican.org).

**Parish Update Meeting:** Typically in August we have a half-year parish meeting to let our congregation know about how our ministries are doing, how our fiscal year ended, and more. This year we will be postponing that update meeting until September 18. This will give us breathing room in August for Fr. Alex's consecration. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ramona Chance, our Senior Warden.

## Weekly Gatherings

**Youth Group:** Youth Group will meet this afternoon for a pool party at the Elswicks (11608 NW 9th Ln.) from 3:00–5:00pm. Call or text Fr. Michael Mayo with questions at (214) 335-0115.

**Life on the Porch:** The group meets Mondays, 7:30–9:30pm, on Rick Guerry's back porch (5801 NW 38<sup>th</sup> Pl.). Men of all ages and backgrounds are invited to a casual gathering each week. The hangout time begins at 7:30pm, then at 8:00 they'll check in with each other, do Compline, including a brief scripture examination from the Daily Office, and end with prayer. You don't have to attend every week; it's a relaxed environment to spend time with other guys from the church and have a place to invite other guys where together all are strengthened in Christ. Text John Harris with questions at (352) 224-8156.

## Monthly Gatherings

**Soaking Prayer:** This Tuesday, August 2, 6:30–8:30pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to a quiet, worshipful atmosphere where you can come pray and be prayed over by one of our Prayer Team members. Come anytime during the two hours and stay as long as you like. If you have any questions, contact Mary Langeland at [marylang704@gmail.com](mailto:marylang704@gmail.com).

## Ways to Serve

**Meals for the Ladds:** On August 11, Janice Ladd will undergo foot surgery and will be off her feet (literally) for two weeks. As a congregation we can support Janice & Tony by bringing them meals. If you're able to bring a meal, you can sign up [here](#). All the details about their needs are on the sign up page.

**Freedom to Invest Initiative:** We are working to pay down our mortgage as much as possible in the next year before we have to renegotiate our loan. By doing so, funds will be freed up for the church to invest in ministry spaces and more! To give go to [servantsanglican.org/give](https://servantsanglican.org/give). If giving by check, please note "FTI" or "Freedom to Invest" on the memo line.

## 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 July 24.*

Final 2022 Budget: \$362,837

2023 Budget YTD: \$16,577

Final 2022 Giving: \$315,491

2023 Giving YTD: \$20,501

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$32,621 (6%)