



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

App Launch Sunday & Parish Update Meeting

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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

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 620

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.

Amos 8:4-12

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy

and bring the poor of the land to an end,

5 saying, “When will the new moon be over,

that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false balances,
6 that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

8 Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who dwells in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?”

9 “And on that day,” declares the Lord God,
“I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

10 I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on every waist
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.

11 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God,
“when I will send a famine on the land—
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

12 They shall wander from sea to sea,

and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praises to you.
- 2 I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your loving-kindness and truth, *
for you have magnified your Name and your word above all
things.
- 3 When I called upon you, you heard me *
and gave me increase of strength.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, *
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; *
as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh me; *
you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever; despise not the works of

your own hands.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-13

1 He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3 And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I

am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Sermon

Fr. Loren & Linda Fox are followers of Jesus who have traveled in and out of Asia over several decades. In 2017 the Foxes returned to Asia to focus on Member Care for global workers and also on Culture and Training (one is Loren's responsibility; one is Linda's). The passion of their work is a desire to see the hope of Jesus communicated among those communities who remain outside the normal reach of the Church. Servants has supported the Foxes' mission since 2017 and we are excited for all that God is doing through them! Fr. Loren is preaching this morning as our guest.

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 Alex, 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 hearts and minds of the vestry and search committee who will choose a rector for Servants of Christ, 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. Amen. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad. We pray especially for Loren & Linda Fox, serving with TEAM in Asia. We also pray for the least reached people groups of the world, especially the Northern Uzbek of Central Asia. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; 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 2nd century and opens the Communion service in every ancient liturgy known today. During this part of the service, the priest gives a reason for praising God which changes with the Church seasons.

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 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 gives the dismissal.

All Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Spotlight

Fr. Loren & Linda Fox are missionaries serving in some of the most difficult-to-serve places in the world. The Foxes are followers of Jesus who have traveled in and out of Asia over several decades. In 2017 the Foxes returned to Asia to focus on Member Care for global workers and also on Culture and Training (one is Loren's responsibility; one is Linda's). The passion of their work is a desire to see the hope of Jesus communicated among those communities who remain outside the normal reach of the Church. We have kept our description of their ministry vague in order to protect them and those they work with. Fr. Loren is our guest preacher on September 18 and will share an update. See Janice Ladd to learn how to support the Foxes' work at janladd3@gmail.com.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Northern Uzbek of Central Asia

The persecuted church in: the Democratic Republic of the Congo

First responders, relief & healthcare workers, and armed forces personnel connected to Servants: 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, and Andrew Thompson

Clergy of our parish and diocese: Foley, our Archbishop; Alex, our Bishop; James, our Interim Rector; Bob, Michael, and Susan, assisting clergy; Kathy Ayres and Justin Smith, postulants; and Sherry in Live Oak.

Churches in our diocese: Trinity Anglican, Thomasville, GA; St. Paul's Anglican Fellowship, Lynn Haven, FL; The Table St. Johns Fellowship, Jacksonville, FL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—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 and Rae Maren-Lyons

Announcements

Special Events

Parish Survey for New Rector: The Vestry is in need of input from the congregation on the most important qualities we seek in our new rector. We also want your input on what you see as our strengths and weaknesses as a parish. This information will guide the Vestry and the Search Committee as we identify our new rector. Please complete the survey to answer these questions [here](#). If you have any questions or difficulties completing the survey, please contact Ramona Chance at rchance@mindspring.com. We will have printed surveys at the Parish Update Meeting after church if you prefer to complete a paper survey.

Servants App Launch: Today is App Launch Sunday! We encourage you to [download the app](#) in preparation for a brief walk-through during the Parish Meeting after church. If you run into any issues,

please email appsupport@servantsanglican.org. Help and support will be available after the Parish Meeting and each Sunday through mid-October.

Parish Update Meeting: Today after the service, we will have our half-year parish meeting to let our congregation know about how our ministries are doing, share how our fiscal year ended, and more! K-5th graders are invited to Children's Church to stay for an instructed Eucharist and to have lunch during the meeting.

Craft Night at Servants: This Friday, September 23, 5:30-7:30pm under the Colonnade. Everyone is invited to a church-wide craft night! Come join us for a hotdog dinner and snacks while creating fun and interesting art projects. Please feel free to invite friends. If you would like to sponsor a craft table (lead a project), please reach out to Kim Harris for more details. This event is free, but we are asking households to bring a bag of chips or fruit to share for dinner. [Please RSVP](#) so we have an idea of how much food to prepare!

New Wineskins Mission Conference Live Stream: Everyone can register for a FREE ticket through the [registration portal](#) for a virtual simulcast experience of our conference. The only way to view any of the conference sessions is through our virtual platform this year, but you must have a ticket. Registration only takes a minute and you're in! Then, watch for a "magic link" to come to your inbox sometime in the next few days that you'll need to click on to complete your registration! All ticket holders will be able to go back in after the conference is over to view all content over the next year, even if you can't tune in during the conference days, September 22-25.

Imago Dei: Welcoming Every Voice: Thursday, September 29 at 8:30pm on Zoom, please join the Women's Leadership Network (ACNA) for their upcoming Imago Dei event. They have the privilege of partnering with the Access Leadership Network, lead by Kathy Ayres (one of our postulants!). The focus for this event will be welcoming those with visible disabilities, invisible disabilities, and

family members of someone with a disability. We will hear from these individuals during a facilitated panel discussion – David Rhodes (another of our congregation!) is a panelist – and then it will be followed with a brief Q&A. Register [here](#) to attend.

Zoom Meet & Greet with CSC's New Director: CSC (the Christian Study Center) is a local ministry that Servants supports which reaches out to college students at UF. On Tuesday, October 18, 8:00pm on Zoom, their new director, Michael Sacasas, will share about the program offerings this year, as well as to answer any questions that you might have about the mission and work of the Study Center.

Weekly Gatherings

Youth Group: Servants Youth Ministry uses a mentor-centered model with small groups meeting weekly and large group gatherings once or twice a month. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Fr. Michael Mayo at michael@servantsanglican.org.

Club 345: Club 345 for 3rd-5th graders is tonight at the church from 4:00-6:00pm. The group is working to learn the books of the Bible and a little background on each book. Come for fun, games, snacks, crafts, and more! Contact Kim Harris with questions at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Servants Young Adults: Sundays at 6:30pm, our young adult group gathers for food and fellowship. If you're in college or are in your 20s just starting to figure life out, this is the group for you. The location changes weekly, so contact Kim Harris at kim@servantsanglican.org to join.

Life on the Porch: We offer two Life on the Porch groups, one for men and one for women. All ages and backgrounds are invited to a casual gathering each week beginning at 7:30pm. Check in begins at 8:00, followed by Compline, a brief scripture examination from the Daily Office, and ending with prayer. You don't have to attend every

week; it's a relaxed environment to spend time with others from the church. Men meet Mondays on Rick Guerry's back porch (5801 NW 38th Pl.). Text John Harris with questions at (352) 224-8156. Women meet on Wednesdays and the location will rotate. Text Kim Harris at (352) 256-1840 for the address.

Ways to Serve

Service Day at Servants: Saturday, October 22, 9:00am-12:00pm we'll come together to care for our buildings and grounds to support the work of making disciples and learning to do all that Jesus said. If you know of any facility needs, [please tell us!](#) Contact Jose Boada with questions at jose@boada.org.

Administrative Assistant Position: Servants is hiring! The position is nine (9) hours a week. Applicants must be engaging, proficient with Microsoft Office and Google Suite, have good communication skills, and the ability to stay organized and manage time. Those interested in applying should send their resume to jobs@servantsanglican.org or to Servants of Christ Anglican Church, P.O. Box 357867, Gainesville, FL 32635.

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. 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 September 11.

2023 Budget YTD: \$56,528

2023 Giving YTD: \$52,725

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$33,037 (6%)