



SERVANTS OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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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 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 Trisagion 124

Literally, "Three times Holy." This 4th-century Greek prayer concludes this portion of the service by proclaiming that we have entered into the presence of God as we have worshiped him.

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 602

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.

Amos 3:1-11

1 Hear this word, people of Israel, the word the Lord has spoken against you—against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt:

2 “You only have I chosen
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your sins.”

3 Do two walk together
unless they have agreed to do so?

4 Does a lion roar in the thicket
when it has no prey?

Does it growl in its den
when it has caught nothing?

5 Does a bird swoop down to a trap on the ground
when no bait is there?

Does a trap spring up from the ground
if it has not caught anything?

6 When a trumpet sounds in a city,
do not the people tremble?

When disaster comes to a city,
has not the Lord caused it?

7 Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing
without revealing his plan
to his servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared—
who will not fear?

The Sovereign Lord has spoken—
who can but prophesy?

9 Proclaim to the fortresses of Ashdod
and to the fortresses of Egypt:

“Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria;
see the great unrest within her
and the oppression among her people.”

10 “They do not know how to do right,” declares the Lord,
“who store up in their fortresses
what they have plundered and looted.”

11 Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“An enemy will overrun your land,
pull down your strongholds
and plunder your fortresses.”

Psalm 139:1-18

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my
thoughts from afar.
- 2 You examine my path and my places of rest, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You have enclosed me behind and before, *
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, *
so excellent I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where shall I go then from your Spirit, *
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there shall your hand lead me, *
and your right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me," *
then shall my night be turned to day.
- 11 Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as clear as
the day; *

the darkness and the light to you are both alike.

12 For you yourself made my inmost parts; *

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *

marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.

14 My bones were not hidden from you *

when I was made in secret and fashioned in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; *
and in your book were all my members written,

16 Which day by day were fashioned, *
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear to me are your thoughts, O God. *
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand. *

When I wake up, I am present with you.

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among

you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.”

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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.

Matthew 4:12–22

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death

a light has dawned.”

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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

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

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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

During the season of Advent, we’re adding bells at three key points in the liturgy. The first is when we hear that Jesus told his disciples to take and eat the bread that is his Body; the second is when we hear that He told his disciples to drink the wine that is his Blood; the last is at the “Great Amen” when together we affirm all that has been said. As Anglicans we take a high view of the Eucharist believing it is the real presence of Christ that we imbibe. The elements are spiritually changed. The Eucharist is an outward sign of a spiritual reality: grace is given, strength to fulfill our baptismal vows is conveyed, and we join with believers throughout all time and space at the foot of the Cross. The bells remind us of all of those things.

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.

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

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 29. 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: Tajia of Northeast Asia

The persecuted church in: North Korea

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: Christ Church Anglican, Savannah, GA; The Table Fellowship, Jacksonville, FL; Church of the Apostles, Montrose, AL; Christ the King, St. Augustine, FL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Jim Mouthrop and Sandra Mixson; Servants at home—Barbara Austin (out of town), Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke (out of town in winter months), Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Larry & Lesley Goble, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim Mouthrop (out of town)

Announcements

If you're new to Servants, the section below is intended to give you a picture of what is going on in our parish over the next few weeks. All of this information and more can be found in our app, available to you when you need it most! We invite you to download the app [here](#).

Special Events

Every Good & Perfect Gift - A Spiritual Gifts Retreat: This Friday & Saturday, January 27-28, at Servants of Christ. What does Scripture tell us about spiritual gifts? At this two-part retreat, the Rev. Dr. Susan Bubbers (Dean of The Atlas Theological Center) will walk us through a biblically-based understanding of spiritual gifts and how we use them to benefit the Church. The cost of the retreat is \$25 and includes lunch on Saturday if you sign up by Wednesday (after Wednesday, the cost is \$10 and you will need to bring your own lunch). Scholarships are available, so please don't let the cost stop you from attending. Register in [the app](#) or at servantsanglican.org/gifts. Contact Mother Susan Rhodes at susan@servantsanglican.org or (863) 243-3191 with questions. The retreat is Friday 6:30-9:00pm and Saturday 9:30am-4:00pm.

Lay Leadership Meeting: Next Sunday, January 29, from 4:00-6:00pm, Fr. Bob Ayres, Jose Boada (Junior Warden) and Ramona Chance (Senior Warden) are planning to have the first meeting of the lay team leaders and assistant leaders at Janice and Tony Ladd's

home (2632 NW 29th Place, 32605). Leaders will be gathering for fellowship, training, and planning. Bring a light snack to share; beverages will be provided. Contact Fr. Bob Ayres with questions or if you will not be able to attend at bob@servantsanglican.org.

Parent Meeting: On Sunday, February 5, following the service, parents of camp-aged children (rising 4th-12th graders) should plan to attend a 30 minute meeting regarding fundraising. Fr. Michael Mayo and Kim Harris will be discussing plans for spring fundraisers to help offset the cost of camp for your child(ren). If you have any questions, you can reach out to Fr. Michael at michael@servantsanglican.org or Kim at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 12, immediately following the service, we'll gather to review the state of our parish. This year we'll celebrate ministry wins, review our finances, discuss facility updates, and hear updates about our rector search. Everyone is invited and we will privately live stream the meeting ([at this link](#)).

Gatherings

Club 345: Grades 3-5 are invited to the church for a game night tonight from 4:00-6:00pm! Contact Kim Harris with questions at kim@servantsanglican.org.

Women's Fellowship & Bible Study: Mondays from 12:00-1:30pm, women of all ages are invited to a weekly Bible study at the church in the Conference Room. The Women's Fellowship & Bible Study is for women wanting to study the Bible, build authentic friendships, and grow in faith. Contact Ramona Chance with questions at rchance@mindspring.com.

Just Older Youngsters (JOYs): On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, JOYs meets in the Community Room from 11:00am-12:30pm for fellowship, Midday Prayer, and a guest presentation or discussion. If you're retired or nearing retirement, invite a friend and join the group on January 24! Contact Ann Shower at

awshower@yahoo.com with questions.

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. The group checks in, reads Compline together followed by a brief scripture examination from the Daily Office, and ends with prayer. You don't have to attend every week; it's a relaxed environment to spend time with others from the church. The location for each changes often, but is always at the home of a member. Men meet Mondays from 8:00-9:00pm; text John Harris for the address at (352) 224-8156. Women meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm; text Kim Harris at (352) 256-1840 for the address.

Youth Group: Youth Group meets together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Each week students gather in small mentor-based groups. Please contact Fr. Michael Mayo at michael@servantsanglican.org to get the latest info!

Ways to Serve

Ministry Groups Forming: Our hospitality team is beginning to reform following a long hiatus due to Covid! If you would like to join the ministry to help with Coffee Hour once a month on a two-person team and with food/setup for special events as needed, please contact Libby King at gnvkings@gmail.com or (352) 871-6230. We are also seeing if there is interest in beginning a flower ministry at Servants. If you would like to sign up to provide flowers, place them on the altar, and remove them following the service, please contact Darden Pyron at pyrond@fiu.edu.

Seminar on Homeless Ministry: Saturday, January 21, join Justin Smith at City Church (19 SW 1st St., 32601) to attend their seminar teaching about what the Bible has to say about homelessness and how we as the Church are called to respond. The seminar will be 9:00am-3:00pm. Contact Justin with questions at enroth215@gmail.com or (352) 451-8165.

Freedom to Invest Initiative: We are working to pay down our mortgage before we have to renegotiate our loan in April. 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 January 15.

2023 Budget YTD: \$162,558

2023 Giving YTD: \$159,796

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$34,020 (6%)