



SERVANTS OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 29, 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.

Micah 6:1-8

1 Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 “O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

What Does the Lord Require?

6 “With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

8 He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 37:1-11

1 Fret not yourself because of the ungodly, *
neither be envious of those who are evildoers.

2 For they shall soon be dried up like the grass, *
and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put your trust in the LORD, and do good; *
dwell in the land, and surely you shall be fed.

4 Delight yourself in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.

5 Commit your way unto the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; *
do not grieve yourself over the one whose way prospers, over the
one who carries
out evil counsels.

8 Refrain from wrath, and let go of anger; *
fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be rooted out, *
but those who wait patiently for the LORD, they shall inherit the
land.

10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone; *
you shall look for their place, and they shall not be there.

11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the land *
and shall be refreshed with an abundance of peace.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but
to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the
debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the

world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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 5:1-12

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 Tunisian Arabs in North Africa & the Middle East. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

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

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: Tunisian Arabs in North Africa & the Middle East

The persecuted church in: Somalia

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: 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—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

Lay Leadership Meeting: Today, 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: Next 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](#)).

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser: We are having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner with proceeds going toward Camp Araminta scholarships! Invite your friends and family for bottomless pancakes and toppings, yard games, and good times! The cost is \$7/person. Thank you for [RSVPing](#) so that we can have a headcount for the evening! Students and parents of campers can sign up to volunteer [here](#); students receive scholarship funds from the dinner in proportion to the time worked. Email Fr. Michael Mayo with questions at michael@servantsanglican.org.

Gatherings

Club 345: Grades K-5 are invited to the church for a fun 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.

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.

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 22.

2023 Budget YTD: \$172,396

2023 Giving YTD: \$174,264

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

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$34,030 (6%)