



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Sunday after the Ascension

May 21, 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 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 107

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 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. You may see some bowing at the mention of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and Father at the end of the Gloria. This is like bowing when the cross passes, a gesture some

use to honor Christ as our King.

The Collect of the Day 613

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 724

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.

Acts 1:1–14

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying with them he ordered

them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the

mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Psalm 68:1–20

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him also flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so shall you drive them away; *

and as wax melts before the fire, so let the ungodly perish before the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his
Name; magnify him who rides upon the
heavens. *

The LORD is his Name; rejoice before him.
5 He is a father of the fatherless and defends
the cause of the widows, *
God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God who gives the solitary a home,
and brings the prisoners out of
captivity, *
but lets the rebellious dwell in a desert
land.

7 O God, when you went forth before the
people, *

when you went through the wilderness,
8 The earth shook, and the heavens poured
forth rain at the presence of God, *
even as Sinai also was moved at the
presence of God, who is the God of
Israel.

9 You, O God, sent a gracious rain upon your
inheritance *

and refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your congregation found a dwelling

there, *

for you, O God, of your goodness have
provided for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; *

great was the company of those who
proclaimed the tidings.

12 Kings with their armies fled, they fled, *
and the women at home divided the spoil.

13 Though you have lain among the
sheepfolds, *

yet shall you be like the wings of a dove
that are covered with silver, and whose
feathers shine like gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was as if it snowed in Zalmon.

15 As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill, *
even a high hill, as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why look with envy, you high hills? This is
God's hill, on which it pleases him to
dwell; *

surely, the LORD will abide on it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,
even thousands of angels, *

and the Lord has come from Sinai into the

holy place.

18 You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive, and received gifts from men, *

even from your enemies, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily, *

even the God who helps us and pours his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, the God from whom salvation comes; *

God is the LORD, by whom we escape death.

1 Peter 4:7–19

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by

the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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.

John 17:1–11

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

6 “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed 109

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.” For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. 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. Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad, especially Camp Araminta; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Iraq; and for those who persecute your people. Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service. 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, 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

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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

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 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

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, cross your hands face down 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. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mission Spotlight

Camp Araminta is our diocesan camp for rising 4th-12th graders, held in Melrose, FL. Camp is one very active week with ongoing, exciting programs and activities that keep kids busy from the crack of dawn until the evening, building community through fellow-ship, living the Christian ideal from day to day, and learning to be accountable. Please be in prayer for Camp, which is July 17-22. You can support students attending camp by supporting one of our camp fundraisers (see the Announcements section for ongoing and upcoming fundraisers) or by giving [online](#).

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: the Banjara of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Iraq

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, Beth Kirby, and Justin Smith, postulants; and Sherry in Live Oak.

Churches in our diocese: Church of our Savior, Jacksonville Beach, FL; Christchurch, Montgomery, AL; Church of the Good Samaritan, Middleburg, 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), 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!

Special Events

#ChooseTheLight: Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training: June 10, 9:00am-12:00pm in the Sanctuary we will host our twice annual sexual misconduct prevention training. This training is required every two years for all clergy, vestry, staff, and those who work with minors. If you are due for this training, you will receive notice from our Administrative Assistant, Staci, or your team leader (or both!). Please plan to attend the training in person. Contact the Church Office (admin@servantsanglican.org) with questions about the training and your team leader if you're unsure if you need to attend.

Anglican 4th Day (A4D): The next A4D weekend is August 10-13 at nearby Luther Springs in Hawthorne, FL. A4D is a spiritual renewal weekend that begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. During the three days, you will hear talks and meditations, enjoy times of listening, reflection,

sharing, learning, growing, daily Eucharist, prayer, music, discussion, fellowship, and fun! Grab a brochure from the narthex, see the event info in the app, or email David La Cagnina if you'd like more info at david@lacagnina.org.

Gatherings

Servant Kids Picnic: All families of nursery-5th grades are invited to the playground after church for the monthly picnic. Sandwiches and water are provided! See Kim Harris with questions.

Lay Leader Meeting: Lay leaders of ministries are invited to a meeting this afternoon from 4:00-6:00pm at the Wilson-McCrea home. Bring a finger food to share and join us for some encouragement and training. The group will begin with fellowship and food, followed by prayer, a short talk about vision, small group support, and end by sharing ideas from the small groups. Contact Jose Boada at jose@boada.org with questions. The address for the meeting is 2322 NW 32nd St., 32605.

Just Older Youngsters (JOYs): The JOYs group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for fellowship, Bible study and

discussion or a guest speaker, and ends with Midday Prayer. The group will meet from 11:00-12:30pm and location information is available in the app or by emailing Ann Shower at awshower@yahoo.com.

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 where 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 time; 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; see the app or text Kim Harris at (352) 256-1840 for the address.

Ways to Serve

Mark 14:7 Ministry: We are gathering food in the basket in the narthex to be taken to Gainesville Community Ministry. Each month we focus on different items that are in high demand. During the month of May we will be collecting spaghetti sauce and all kinds of pasta. Feel free to donate anything, though, as the need is great - and thank you for your generosity! If you would like to volunteer to deliver to GCM please contact Ann Shower at awshower@yahoo.com.

Freedom to Invest Initiative: We are working to pay down our mortgage as quickly as we can. 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, but as Christ-followers we are called to be

generous and we print these amounts as a way to encourage one another toward generosity. Amounts are current as of May 14.

2023 Budget YTD: \$265,410

2023 Giving YTD: \$298,461

Freedom to Invest Initiative: \$35,606

(7% of our \$526,000 goal)