



SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

If you are in need of additional precautions to avoid illness, we offer our balcony where masks are required.

Get Started At Servants

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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 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 728

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.

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? 3 As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

25 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not

just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? 26 When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. 27 Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. 28 Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,

declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

Psalm 25:1–14

1 Unto you, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my
God, I have put my trust in you; *

O let me not be ashamed, neither let my
enemies triumph over me.

2 For all those who hope in you shall not be
ashamed, *

but those who deal untruly shall be put to
confusion.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
has been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, your tender
mercies, *

and your loving-kindnesses, which have
been from of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offenses of my
youth, *

but according to your mercy think on me, O
LORD, in your goodness.

- 7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD; *
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Those who are meek shall he guide in
judgment, *
and those who are gentle shall he teach his
way.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and
truth *
to those who keep his covenant and his
testimonies.
- 10 For your Name's sake, O LORD, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.
- 11 Who is the one who fears the LORD? *
He shall teach him in the way that he shall
choose.
- 12 He shall dwell at ease, *
and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 12 The LORD reveals his secret counsel to
those who fear him, *
and he will show them his covenant.
- 14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, *
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Philippians 2:1-13

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:28–32

28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the

prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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 our mission partner, the Bishop Ochiel Siloam Trust in Kenya; 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 the Congo Democratic Republic; 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 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

The Bishop Ochiel Siloam Trust: When Servants was formed in 2006, we were invited to be part of the Diocese of Southern Nyanza, Kenya, under the leadership of Bp. James

Ochiel. Though we are now under the ACNA and Bp. James is retired, we continue to support him through the Bp. Ochiel Siloam Trust. We have a scholarship fund for high school and college students and for building water tanks. Throughout the month of November we'll be collecting funds for these projects. Donate online through the app or make checks out to Servants of Christ with "Kenya scholarships" or "Kenya water tanks" in the memo line. Contact Janice Ladd with questions at janladd3@gmail.com.

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

Fellowship Directory: The directory is now available digitally through our app. The printed directories will be available next Sunday. Contact Nikki Smith at nikki.smith@servantsanglican.org with questions.

Chalice Bearer Training: Next Sunday, October 8, after the service in the Sanctuary, all current chalice bearers are requested to attend training in anticipation of our return to drinking from the common Cup. Those interested in becoming a chalice bearer are invited to attend as well. Please reach out to Elena Rhodes at erhodes0731@yahoo.com if you're interested in serving. Any clergy serving at the Table are also asked to attend.

The Ordination of Kathy Ayres: Saturday, October 14, 2:00pm at Servants. By the grace of God and with the consent of the people Bp. Alex Farmer will ordain Kathy to the sacred order of deacons. Your prayers and presence are requested. Reception to follow. Clergy should plan to wear red stoles.

Prayer Minister Training: Saturday, October 28, 9:00am-12:00pm in the Sanctuary. As Christians, we all are called to a life of prayer and here at Servants, prayer undergirds all that we do. If you would like to learn more about how and why we pray, and would like to be a part of the vibrant prayer ministry at Servants, please plan on attending the prayer ministry training. Contact Mother Susan Rhodes at susan.rhodes@servantsanglican.org.

Men's Fall Hiking Trip: All men 18+ are invited to join the men's hiking trip this November 17-20! This year's trip has two options: backpacking or day hiking. To learn more about the trip, [follow this link](#). To sign up, [click here](#). Contact Jose Boada at jose@boada.org with questions about backpacking. Contact Justin Smith at enroth215@gmail.com with questions about the day hiking option.

Women's Fellowship: The Women's Fellowship meets on Mondays from 12:00-1:30pm in the Conference Room. The goal of the group is to change lives through Bible study and authentic friendships. This is a place for women to be comfortable expressing their viewpoints, engage in meaningful dialogue, and share their lives in a confidential setting as they grow in faith. All women are welcome! Contact Ramona Chance with questions at rchance@mindspring.com.

Life on the Porch: Mondays, 8:00-9:00pm, men of 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 changes, but is always at the home of a member; text John Harris for the address at (352) 224-8156.

Mark 14:7 Ministry: We are gathering items in the basket in the narthex to be taken to Gainesville Community Ministry. Each month we focus on different categories that are in high demand. During the month of September we're collecting canned goods, especially fruit, vegetables and meat! 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 September 24.*

2024 Budget YTD: \$92,960

2024 Giving YTD: \$75,415

Freedom to Invest Initiative: \$36,629

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