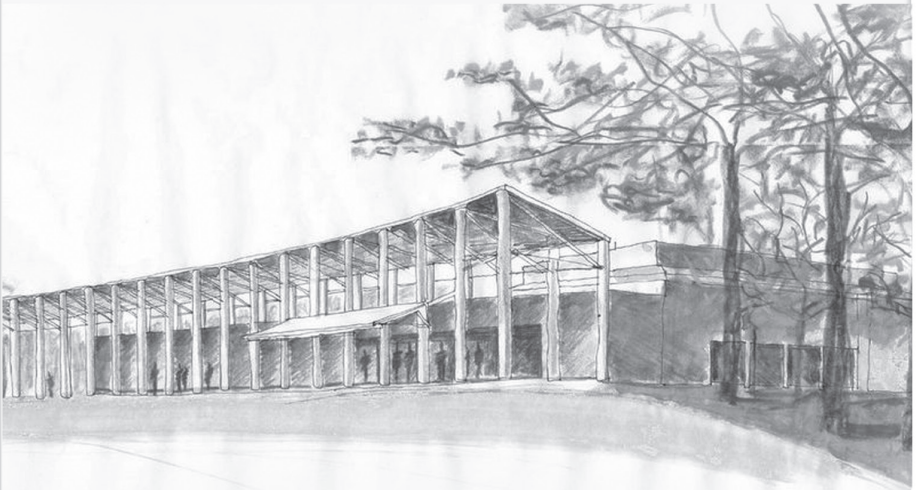


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Welcome

*The Love of Christ
Changing Lives*

July 12, 2020

Pentecost, Proper 10
Holy Communion

PENTECOST

Christ was crucified, rose again, spent forty days with his disciples, and then ascended to heaven. Pentecost immediately followed, 50 days after Easter Sunday. This year Pentecost Sunday is May 24th.

Believed to be the oldest feast in the Church, Pentecost dates back to the first century A.D. The feast of Pentecost coincided with the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which occurs 50 days after the Passover (Deuteronomy 16:10). According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses 50 days after the first Passover, which freed the Hebrews from their bondage in Egypt. As the Hebrews settled into Canaan, the feast became a time to honor the Lord for blessing the fruits of their labors. At the time of Jesus, the festival focused on rabbinical law and traditions. Since this Jewish holiday took place at the same time of the Pentecost, many Jewish Christians appropriated its celebration into their Christian commemoration of the coming of the Spirit.

According to the book of Acts, the Church came into being on the day of Pentecost. As 120 worshipers, including the Disciples, were fasting and praying in an upper room in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in a violent rushing wind that was heard throughout the city. Small flames of fire rested upon their heads, and they began to speak in other languages. As crowds came to investigate the commotion, the Apostle Peter spoke to them about Jesus and exhorted them to repent. From the crowd of Jews and converts, 3,000 realized the truth of his words and became followers of Jesus. The church of Jesus is born! The book of Acts tells the story!

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC & APOSTOLIC CHURCH

One holy catholic and apostolic church...

As far as we know, Ignatius of Antioch was the first person to use the word catholic in relation to the church. In his letter to the Smyrnaeans, written around A.D. 112, he wrote, "Where Jesus Christ is, there is the universal church." Early Christian writers believed in the catholic church—that Christians everywhere trusted in one God, confessed one faith, received one baptism, and shared one mission. In that sense, catholic meant "real" or "authentic."

From the third century on, the word became synonymous with orthodoxy. Thus, "the catholic church" was in contrast to heretics and schismatics. By the middle of the fourth century, the word came to mean more than authentic and orthodox. It was also used to connote the church's extensive reach to every land and every class of people.

So from the early church until the modern period, the word catholic has been used to distinguish the church from that which is irregular or erroneous, much like conservative American Christians use evangelical in opposition to cult. While the term catholic never appears in the Bible, the ideas behind it are found throughout Scripture. For example, Paul says in Galatians that anyone—no matter who they are, where they live, or what time period they live in—can have a relationship with God, so long as they have faith in Christ.

And in Ephesians, Paul practically gives a theological treatise on the universal nature of the church: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus" (3:6).

According to Scripture, the church is a universal entity, and anyone can be a part of it.

BAPTISM

Baptism is the title deed to the kingdom of heaven, the pledge of God's acceptance, his arms extended to embrace us. It is rather like the marriage service where, after the exchange of vows, the minister pronounces the couple man and wife. But we know a wedding ceremony does not make a marriage. Married persons committed to one another and giving their lives to one another makes a marriage.

Baptism is very similar. It offers us a wedding certificate to the Lord Jesus Christ, or, if you prefer, an adoption certificate into the Father's household. It can properly therefore be spoken of as effecting what it symbolizes. But it does not do so automatically or unconditionally. We have to repent and believe. And we have to make room in our lives for the Holy Spirit. The Rite of Confirmation is that time of repenting, believing and proclaiming to make room for the Holy Spirit of God

CONFIRMATION

In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time (as opposed to sacred time) refers to two specific periods in the Christian calendar in which the occurring Sundays are not directly related to the Christmas or Easter holidays. Rather than referring to something everyday or common, "ordinary," in this sense, comes from the word ordinal (meaning "numbered"), referencing the manner in which the Sundays of the period are numbered. The color green is most often associated with the two periods of Ordinary Time, and can generally be found in the sanctuary during these portions of the liturgical year. It is usually considered a symbol of the Church's growth and rebirth.

The first period of Ordinary Time falls between the first Sunday after Epiphany (on or around January 6th) and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. This liturgical season can last anywhere from four to nine weeks, depending upon the year.

The second part of Ordinary Time begins after the Easter Season, on Pentecost Monday, and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.

Although not the focus of the liturgical calendar, for Christians of all denominations, Ordinary Time remains an important part of the ecclesiastical year, one in which they can live in the Spirit and continue in the work of the church.

STANDING OR KNEELING

It has been a customary posture since worship in the temple of David that the people either stand or kneel during times of prayer, worship, and during the words the priest speaks over the bread and wine before receiving Communion. It is also fitting to receive the bread and wine either standing or kneeling.

Bold Type indicates words people are encouraged to speak

✦ PRELUDE

✦ PROCESSIONAL SONG

stand

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

1. **Light of the world**
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

(Chorus 1) **So here I am to worship**
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

2. **King of all days**
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Misc 1

(Bridge) **And I'll never know how much it cost**
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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✦ *Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom,**
now and for ever. Amen.

✦ *Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Pg. 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ THE LESSONS

sit

Genesis 25:19-34

Page 19 in Pew Bible

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:1-11

Page 944 in Pew Bible

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL SONG

stand

ANCIENT WORDS

1. **Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O, let the ancient words impart**

2. **Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home**

(Chorus) **Ancient words ever true
Changing me, changing you
We have come with open hearts
O, let the ancient words impart**

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Page 818 in Pew Bible

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, Lord Christ.

✠ GOSPEL SONG, CONTINUED

(Do not sing aloud, sing in your heart to our Lord)

**3. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O, heed the faithful words of Christ**

**4. Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear**

(Chorus) **Ancient words ever true
Changing me, changing you
We have come with open hearts
O, let the ancient words impart**

✠ SERMON

The Rev. Mark Wright, RECTOR

✠ THE NICENE CREED

stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE II

After the silence people are encouraged to offer audible prayers.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishop George; our rector Mark ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. (*silence, audible prayers*)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. (*silence, audible prayers*)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those we now name.
(*Congregants may speak names aloud*)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

(*silence, audible prayers*)

I ask your prayers for the departed.

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own prayers and thanksgivings.

I ask your prayers for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially our brother Nicholas. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Prayer at the formation of St. Nicholas Church 1998)

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with all of us who seek to extend the work of Your kingdom through St. Nicholas Church in Flower Mound. Teach us in all things to seek first Your honor and glory. Knowing that we work for You, Lord, we ask you to grant us the grace to let go of what we want in a church. Instead, Lord, give us the humility to ask what You want Your Church to be, and fill us with both the courage to pursue Your will and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

kneel or stand

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

✠ THE PEACE

stand

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Heavenly Father, bless your children that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, and lead them to know you, to love you, and to serve you all the days of their lives. Amen.

PRAYER FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ OFFERTORY MUSIC

SPECIAL MUSIC

✠ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

stand

Celebrant: All things come of Thee Oh Lord

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All say: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

kneel or stand

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

HOST AT HOME

On Saturdays from 5pm-6pm, Fr. Mark will be in front of the church building with hosts that have been blessed on the previous Sunday to distribute in individual plastic bags.

On Sunday morning at 11 am, during the Facebook Live service, and in church for those attending we will all consume the bread at the appointed time in the worship service.

The appointed time is after the Presentation of the Bread and Wine and before the singing of the first Communion Song.

✠ THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

✠ PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

✠ MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(Do not sing aloud, sing in your heart to our Lord)

I SURRENDER ALL

**1. All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live**

(Chorus) **I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now** (Repeat Chorus)

**3. All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine** (Repeat Chorus)

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✠ AT THE CLOSE OF COMMUNION

(Do not sing aloud, sing in your heart to our Lord)

stand

EVERLASTING GOD

(Verse) **Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord**

(Pre-Chorus) **Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

(Chorus) **You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ THE FINAL BLESSING

May the peace of God that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING SONG

I WILL RISE

**1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well**

Misc 1

**(Pre-Chorus) Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead**

**(Chorus) (And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)**

**2. There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes**

Misc 2

**(Bridge) And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb**

(Repeat)

Worthy is the Lamb

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

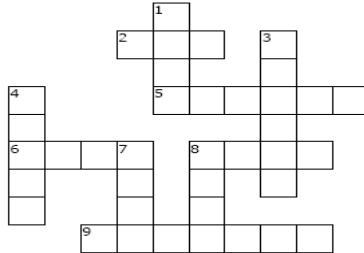
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(The text of the service of worship contained in this program is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.)

The Parable of the Sower



But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a
 Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- 5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- 6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- 8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- 9. Not deep

DOWN

- 1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- 3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- 4. Covered with stones
- 7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- 8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

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| PATH | CROP | SOIL | THORNS | ROOT |
| SHALLOW | FARMER | SEED | SOW | ROCKY |



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| PLANTS | SCORCH | FARMER | THORNS | CROP |
| WITHER | BIRDS | ROOT | CHOKE | SOIL |
| FELL | PARABLE | SCATTER | SEED | GREW |
| ROCKY | SHALLOW | GOOD | SOW | PATH |

Draw a line to connect each matching pair.

Jesus told a story about a farmer who planted some seeds. As he scattered the seed in his field, some of them fell on the footpath and the birds ate them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground. The seeds sprouted, but they wilted and died because they didn't have deep roots. Some of the seeds fell in areas where there were a lot of weeds and the weeds choked out the young plants. Some of the seeds fell on good, fertile soil and that seed grew and produced a wonderful crop.

In Jesus' story, the seed represents the word of God and the soil represents the people who hear the word. Many times people hear the word of God, but they don't understand it. They don't take it in. That is like the seed on the footpath.

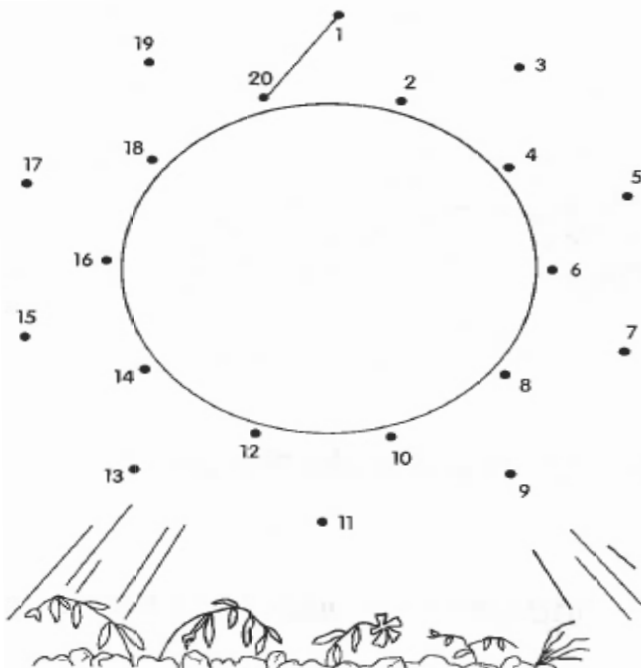
The seed that fell on rocky soil represents those who hear the word and receive it, but when the excitement fades they drift away because they don't have deep roots.

The seed that fell among the weeds represents people who hear God's word and believe what it says, but soon the message is crowded out by the worries of life and the desire to get more stuff.

A person who hears God's word, tries to understand what it says and put it into practice in their daily life is like good soil.



Connect the dots 1-20.



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