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Welcome

*The Love of Christ
Changing Lives*

September 13, 2020

Pentecost, Proper 19
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 or sing.

⌞ PRELUDE

Nadine Flowers, Piano

⌞ PROCESSIONAL SONG

stand

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

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

(Chorus) Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

3. And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

4. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim my God
How great thou art

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⌞ *Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Exodus 14:19-31

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Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Romans 14:1-12

Page 948 in Pew Bible

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL SONG

stand

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

THE WORD

1. The Word is living
The Word is light
The Word delights my soul
Preserves my life
Holy and hidden
Forever new
The perfect sacrifice
Our Lord Jesus Christ

2. The Word is wisdom
The Word is true
The Word takes all that's old
And makes it new
When hearts are broken
He makes them whole
The One Who paid the price
Our Lord Jesus Christ

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 18:21-35

Page 823 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. The Word is calling
Time and again
The Word is grieving still
For those in sin
Come now believing
This Word is true
The cross speaks this advice
"Trust Me," Jesus Christ

✠ 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 III

After the silence people are encouraged to offer prayers.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one. *(silence, audible prayers)*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

(silence, audible prayers)

We pray for all bishops especially George, all priests especially Mark, and all deacons especially Carol;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. *(silence, audible prayers)*

We pray for all who govern especially our President Donald and all who hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

(silence, audible prayers)

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

(silence, audible prayers)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Especially those we now name... *(congregation may speak names)*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(congregation adds thanksgivings and prayers)

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

stand or kneel

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in
newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 INVITATION

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name; bring offerings and come into His courts. (Psalm 96:8)

✦ OFFERTORY 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 B

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.

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.

stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Nicholas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

BREAD/HOST

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 Sundays at 11am as you enter you will receive a Host in a plastic bag.

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)

DO IT AGAIN

1. Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

(Chorus) Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness
Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

2. I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

(Bridge) I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe
I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe
I'll see you do it again

(Ending) You've never failed me yet
I never will forget
You've never failed me yet
I never will forget

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✠ AT THE CLOSE OF COMMUNION
(Do not sing aloud, sing in your heart to our Lord)

stand

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

(Chorus) My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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✠ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP pg 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ THE FINAL BLESSING

“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13). Let everything you do be done in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you today and forever. **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING SONG

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

YOU ARE GOOD

1. Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

(Chorus 1) We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

(Vamp) Yes You are yes You are yes You are
So good so good
Yes You are yes You are yes You are

(Bridge)
You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

(Ending) For who You are for who You are
You are good You are good
You are good good good
Yes You are yes You are yes You are
Yes You are yes You are

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✠ THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

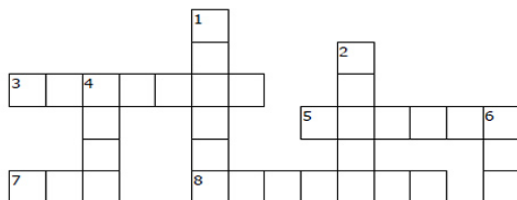
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(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 Parting of the Red Sea

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.
Exodus 14:31 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Exodus 14:19-31



ACROSS

- A two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in war and races in ancient Egypt
- a large animal with four legs which people ride on or use for carrying things or pulling vehicles
- Something that has no water in it or on it
- Separated into two or more parts

DOWN

- The surface of the earth
- A light puffy, or billowy formation floating in the air
- The military land forces of a nation
- A large body of salt water which is partly or completely surrounded by land

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| CHARIOT | DIVIDED | CLOUD | GROUND |
| DRY | ARMY | SEA | HORSES |

T Y W E U J N W C I Z N X S S
 W T C B K L J P M O S E S V C
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| WATER | TRAVELING | GROUND | ARMY | CHARIOTS |
| DRY | SEA | SAVED | MOSES | HORSES |
| ANGEL | HAND | CLOUD | TRUST | ISRAEL |

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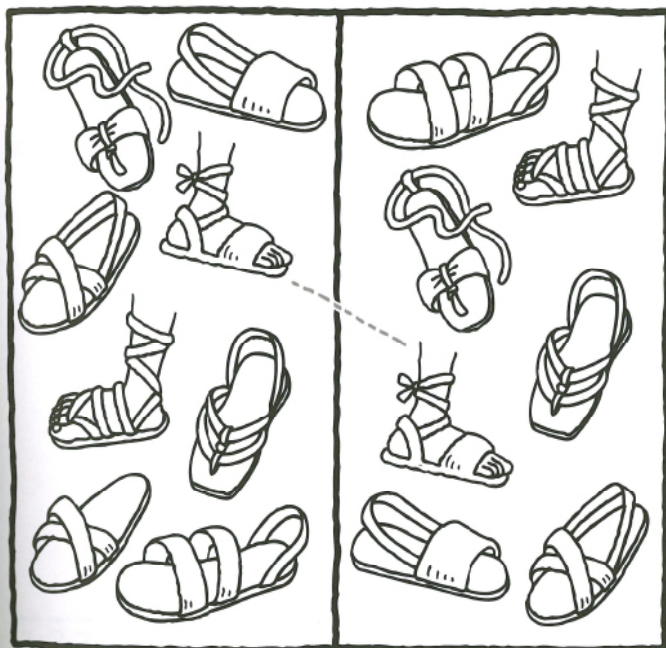


In Exodus we learn that the Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. Pharaoh refused to let God's people go until God sent ten plagues upon Egypt. Finally, he let the Israelites go.

When the children of Israel saw the Egyptian army and chariots coming, they were afraid. But Moses said, "Don't be afraid. Watch the Lord save you today." Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

When the Israelites reached the other side, the Lord said to Moses, "Raise your hand over the sea again." When he did, the waters returned and all of the chariots and horses -- the entire army of the Pharaoh who chased the Israelites into the sea were drowned.

Draw lines between the matching sandals.



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