

# ✙ St. Nicholas Church

*A member of the Anglican Communion*



# *Welcome*

*The Love of Christ  
Changing Lives*

**June 13. 2021**

*Ordinary Time  
Holy Communion*

## **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.

## **THE PEACE**

The Peace is the exchange of the Peace of Christ. It follows immediately after the confession of sin and the absolution. It is fitting that this physical symbol of love, an embrace or a handshake, be given to express the peace of Christ received after confessing our sins to the Lord and receiving His forgiveness. The Peace is not merely to be a visiting time among the members. It is an outward and visible sign of Christ's love and peace given to one another.

## **THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP)**

St. Nicholas is a liturgical church. We use the Anglican Book of Common Prayer in our gatherings of worship. The Anglican Book of Common Prayer is a collection of ancient and modern prayers and worship services for occasions when the church community gathers. The use of a printed liturgy gives opportunity for all members to participate in worship. Scripture is the foundation of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. Two-thirds of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer comes directly from the Old and New Testaments. The Anglican Book of Common Prayer is not meant to eliminate spontaneity or personal prayers. Every service in the book has opportunities for personal prayers and thanksgivings. The Anglican book of Common Prayer is also a great guide for personal devotions.

## **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.

## 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.

## ONE HOLY CATHOLIC & 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, all can be a part of it.

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**Bold Type** indicates words people are encouraged to speak or sing.

## ✦ PRELUDE

## ✦ PROCESSIONAL SONG

stand

### IS HE WORTHY

1. Do you feel the world is broken

**We do**

Do you feel the shadows deepen

**We do**

But do you know that all the dark

Won't stop the light from getting through

**We do**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new

**We do**

2. Is all creation groaning

**It is**

Is a new creation coming

**It is**

Is the glory of the Lord

To be the light within our midst

**It is**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this

**It is**

(Chorus) Is anyone worthy

Is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy

Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this

**He is**

3. Does the Father truly love us

**He does**

Does the Spirit move among us

**He does**

And does Jesus our Messiah

Hold forever those He loves

**He does**

Does our God intend to dwell again with us

**He does**

(Chorus) Is anyone worthy  
Is anyone whole  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests  
To God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy  
Is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy  
Is He worthy  
Is He worthy of this  
**He is**

(Ending) Is He worthy  
Is He worthy  
**He is**  
**He is**

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### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH, 11 A.M. ONLY**

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to gather for age-appropriate worship time. The children gather at the font in Orand after the Processional Song. The children will return to the main sanctuary after the Peace to participate in Communion.

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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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ✠ THE LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

*Layreader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10-17

*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. Mark

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

Mark 4:26-34

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## ✠ GOSPEL SONG, CONTINUED

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

## ✠ 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.

## ✠ 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 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 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.**

#### ✠ 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.

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#### Bread/Host

On Sundays at 8:30am & 11:00am blessed Hosts are in plastic bags in a basket on the Font.

On Sunday morning at 8:30am, 11:00am and during the Facebook Live, 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.

At 11am you may choose to come forward to the altar rail to receive the Host in your hand from the priest.

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## ✠ MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*(The Congregation is invited to sing the words in **BOLD TYPE** during communion)*

### OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

(Chorus) **Open the eyes of my heart Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

(Verse) **To see You high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of Your glory**

**Pour out Your power and love**

**As we sing holy holy holy**

(Bridge) **Holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy**

**I want to see You**

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LORD REIGN IN ME

**1. Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again**

**(Chorus) Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again**

**2. Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again**

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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

“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

KING OF MY HEART

**1. Let the King of my heart  
Be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life  
Oh He is my song**

(Chorus) **You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh  
You are good good oh**

**2. Let the King of my heart  
Be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves  
Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days  
Oh He is my song**

(Bridge) **You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let  
Never gonna let me down**

(Ending) **When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on  
When the night is holding on to me  
God is holding on**

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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.)

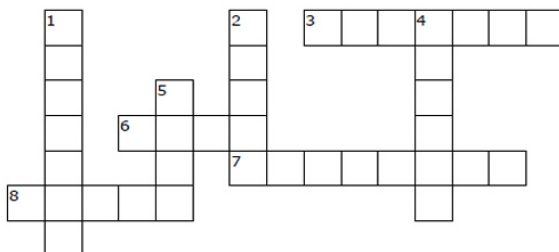
# The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32



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## ACROSS

3. Bigger than any of the others
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. Not as big as any of the others
8. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

## DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
2. An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
4. An area where plants are grown
5. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

SEED SMALLEST	PARABLE NEST	BIRDS GARDEN	LARGEST PLANT
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BIRDS JESUS STORY	SHADE GARDEN GROUND	NEST PLANTED SEED	MUSTARD LARGEST SMALLEST	BRANCHES PLANTS KINGDOM
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Jesus told a parable comparing the mustard seed to the kingdom of God. Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

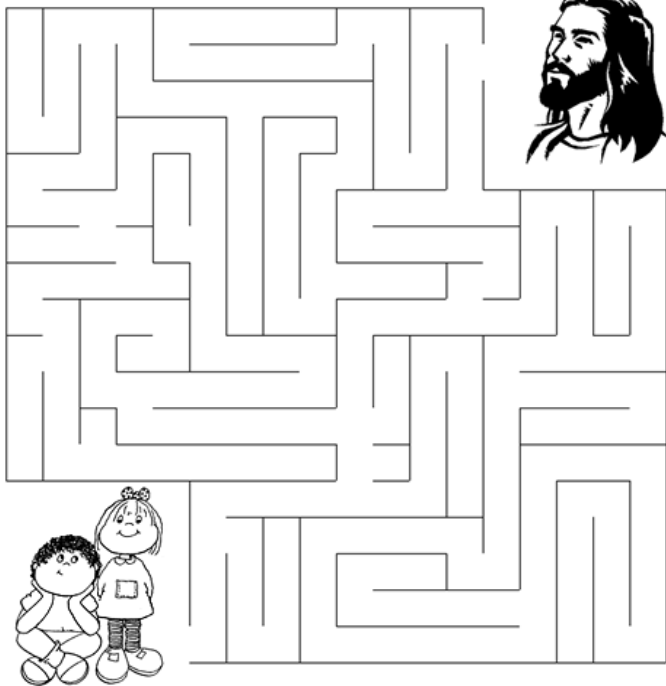
Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with a handful of disciples. Every follower of Jesus is a part of the kingdom and that means that we are a part of God's kingdom. Each time we tell someone about Jesus, we are helping to grow the kingdom. Isn't it great to know that we can have a part in growing God's kingdom?

Trace each letter. Then, write each letter on the lines below.

FAITH



Help the children find their way to Jesus.



## What is God saying?

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