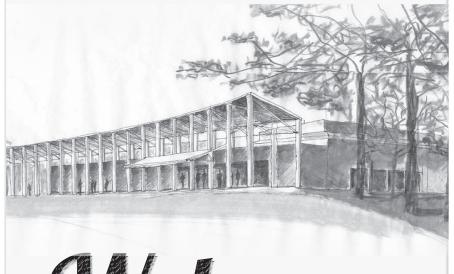
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# Welcome

The Love of Christ Changing Lives

June 20. 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.

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

#### **PRELUDE**

# **†** Processional Song

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 (Repeat Chorus)
- 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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## 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 Processsional Song. The children will return to the main sanctuary after the Peace to participate in Communion.

♦ 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.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Prayer for Father's Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for fathers; for biological fathers, adopted fathers, and fathers in spirit. We thank you for fathers who love and nurture children who are not their own, who teach us to be upright and courageous in adversity and make us strong enough to go out into the world. We thank you for fathers who work hard every day to help fulfill the needs of their families, who fix broken things and teach us how to do it ourselves, who embrace us and guide us, who love us even when they don't understand us. We know they reflect and embody your love for us as our heavenly Father. Comfort those of us who miss our fathers this day, and strengthen and bless those fathers who work so hard to love, protect, and nurture their families this day and every day. Amen.

## **†** THE LESSON

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# **†** Gospel Song

stand

# ANCIENT WORDS

- Holy words long preserved
   For our walk in this world
   They resound with God's own heart
   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 4:35-41

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. Charlie Keen guest

## **†** 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; our guest priest Charlie, 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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

kneel or stand

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
People
Celebrant
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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.

#### **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 recieve the Host in your hand from the priest.

#### ♦ Music During Communion

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

# No Longer Slaves

1. You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies Till all my fears are gone

(Chorus)

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

2. From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins (Repeat Chorus)

(Bridge)

You split the sea so I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me so I could stand and sing I am a child of God (Repeat Chorus)

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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

### **†** CLOSING SONG

### YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God of Jacob You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy Where nothing can keep us apart

(Bridge)

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise, O God

(Chorus)

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

2. Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry And all Your people sing along (Repeat bridge and chorus)

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# **†** THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

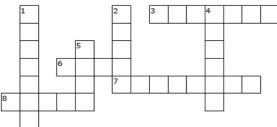
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(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.)

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



#### **ACROSS**

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

#### **DOWN**

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

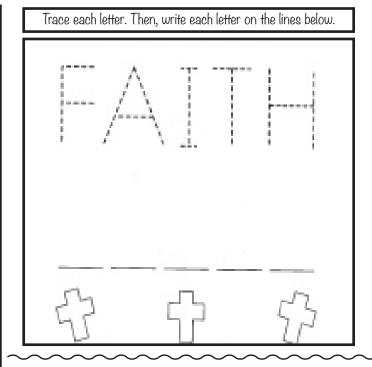
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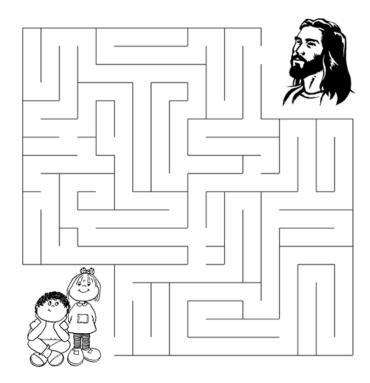
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JESUS	GARDEN	PLANTED	LARGEST	PLANTS
STORY	GROUND	SEED	SMALLEST	KINGDOM

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? lt 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 lsomeone about Jesus, we are helping to grow the kingdom. len't it great to know that we can have a part in growing God's kingdom?



Help the children find their way to Jesus.



# **†** SERMON NOTES

# What is God saying?

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