

✝ St. Nicholas Church

A member of the Anglican Communion



Welcome

*The Love of Christ
Changing Lives*

July 25, 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

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) **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**

(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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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.

✠ *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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ THE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 3:14-21

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. John

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 6:1-21

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.

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.

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

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

BUILD MY LIFE

**1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You**

**2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You**

**(Chorus) Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

**(Bridge) I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

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✠ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

stand

SIAD AT 8:30AM

CELEBRANT: ALL THINGS COME OF THEE OH LORD

PEOPLE: **AND OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE.**

SUNG AT 11AM

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen**

✦ 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.

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.

♣ MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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

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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✠ AT THE CLOSE OF COMMUNION
(after all have received Communion)

stand

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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✠ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

**1. You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew’l
Lord to give up I’d be a fool
You are my all in all**

(Chorus) **Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**

**2. Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all (Repeat Chorus)**

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✠ THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OFFERED

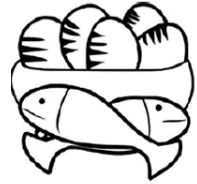
Each Sunday after the dismissal, the Daughters of the King are available at the front of the altar rail. If you have any prayer need, there is prayer available to you. The Daughters are women devoted to prayer, evangelism and service for our Lord. They have been trained and equipped for this vital ministry.

See our lay pastor, Joyce Neth,
if you have any questions about this ministry.

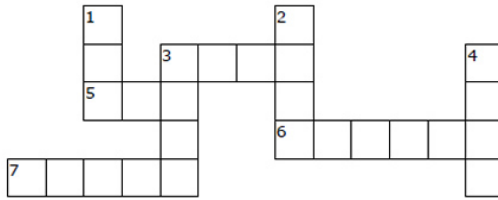
Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 6:1-14



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. The number that comes after four and before six
5. The number equal to one plus one
6. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating
7. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked

DOWN

1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
2. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
3. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
4. An animal without legs that lives in water

FOOD LOAVES	FIVE BREAD	HEAL EAT	TWO FISH
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SEARCH

JESUS	BASKETFULS	SATISFIED	CROWDS	LOAVES
THANKS	LEFT	FOLLOWED	PEOPLE	TOWNS
TWELVE	HEALED	FISH	BOAT	SICK

A large crowd gathered to hear Jesus speak.
Find and circle the objects in the picture.



Our Bible story today is the story about the time Jesus fed 5000 people. Jesus had been teaching a large crowd of people. It was getting close to dinner time, and as he looked out over the crowd, Jesus turned to one of his disciples whose name was Philip and asked, "Where are we going to buy the bread for these people to eat?"



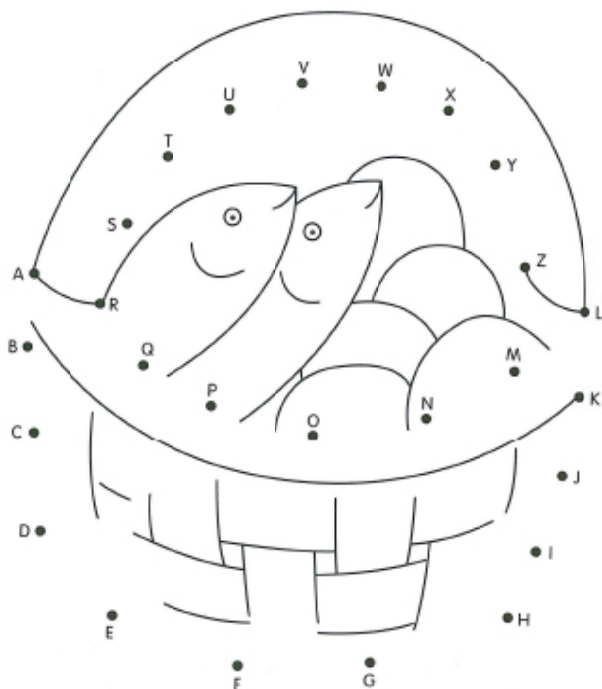
Andrew, another of Jesus' disciples spoke up, "There is a small boy over here who has five small pieces of bread and two small fish, but that is not enough to feed all of these people."

Jesus gave thanks, blessed it, and began breaking it into pieces to pass around to the people. When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

Jesus fed the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish.
Connect the dots A-Z.

All of us could learn a lesson from the little boy. He didn't have very much but he was willing to share what he had and Jesus used it to feed a huge crowd of people.

Prayer: Dear Father, we thank you for all of your blessings. Help us to be generous in sharing with others. Amen



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