

✙ St. Nicholas Church

A member of the Anglican Communion



Welcome

*The Love of Christ
Changing Lives*

August 29, 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

FRIEND OF GOD

**Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
(It's amazing it's amazing)**

**(Chorus) I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend (Repeat)**

**(Bridge) God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend**

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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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ THE LESSONS

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Layreader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

James 1:17-27

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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
Rector

✠ THE NICENE CREED

stand

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

the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE II

After the silence people are encouraged to offer audible prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those we now name.

(Congregants may speak names aloud)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

(silence, audible prayers)

I ask your prayers for the departed.

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

The People may add their own prayers and thanksgivings.

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

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

✠ 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)*

GIVE ME JESUS

1. **In the morning when I rise**
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

(Chorus) **Give me Jesus**
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

2. **When I am alone**
When I am alone
Oh when I am alone
Give me Jesus (Chorus)

3. **When I come to die**
When I come to die
Oh when I come to die
Give me Jesus (Chorus)

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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

✦ SONG 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

2. When thru the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze (Chorus)

3. 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 (Chorus)

4. 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 (Chorus)

✠ 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.

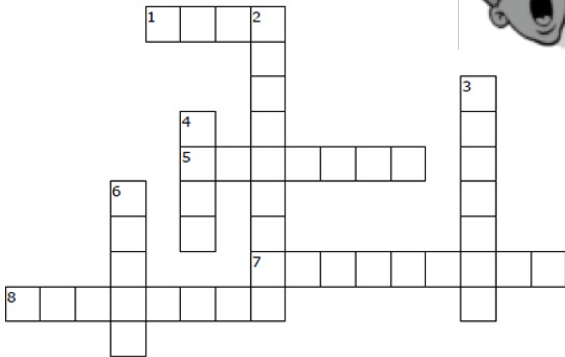
True Worship

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Mark 7:6b (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 7:1-8



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ACROSS

- 1. To clean something, usually with soap and water
- 5. Foul or dirty; ritually impure
- 7. An established custom or habit
- 8. A member of a Jewish sect that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law

DOWN

- 2. Someone who pretends to be something he is not
- 3. To honor and show love to God
- 4. A principle that guides our behavior
- 6. The organ that pumps blood throughout the body

TRADITION	HEART	UNCLEAN	WASH
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HYPOCRITES	RULES	TRADITION	KETTLES	EATING
PITCHERS	HEARTS	UNCLEAN	WASH	ELDERS
LIPS	FOOD	HANDS	WORSHIP	HONOR

One day some religious leaders complained to Jesus that they had seen some of his disciples eating without first washing their hands. Religious laws and traditions were very strict about washing your hands before eating. The religious leaders asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples follow our customs? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."

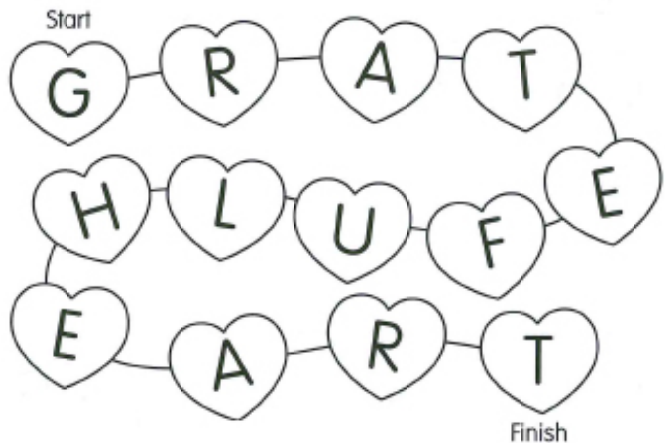
Jesus answered, "You are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites. The prophet Isaiah must have been talking about you when he said, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship has no meaning because they have replaced God's laws with their own traditions.'"

Those religious leaders were very concerned about clean hands, but Jesus was more concerned about a clean heart. We should be too!

Give God thanks in all circumstances.
Draw lines to connect the matching pictures.



Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Follow the hearts and write the letters in order on the lines below.



What is God saying?

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