

St Nicholas – Order of Service - Sunday 16 June 2024 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost –
Year B

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,

For ever. Amen

Hymn – MP 640 The Church's one foundation

1. The Church's One Foundation
Is Jesus Christ Her Lord;
She Is His New Creation
By Water And The Word:
From Heaven He Came And Sought Her
To Be His Holy Bride;
With His Own Blood He Bought Her
And For Her Life He Died.

2. Elect From Every Nation,
Yet One Over All The Earth,
Her Charter Of Salvation
One Lord, One Faith, One Birth;
One Holy Name She Blesses,
Partakes One Holy Food,
And To One Hope She Presses,
With Every Grace Endued.

3. Though With A Scornful Wonder
Men See Her Sore Oppressed,

By Schisms Rent Asunder,
By Heresies Distressed:
Yet Saints Their Watch Are Keeping,
Their Cry Goes Up, "How Long?"
And Soon The Night Of Weeping
Becomes The Morn Of Song.

4. 'Mid Toil And Tribulation
And Tumult Of Her War,
She Waits The Consummation
Of Peace Forevermore;
'Til With The Vision Glorious
Her Longing Eyes Are Blest,
And The Great Church Victorious
Shall Be The Church At Rest.

5. Yet She On Earth Hath Union
With God The Three In One,
And Mystic Sweet Communion
With Those Whose Rest Is Won:
O Happy Ones And Holy!
Lord, Give Us Grace That We,
Like Them, The Meek And Lowly,
On High May Dwell With Thee.

Bible - Psalm 92:1-4;12-15

1 It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
2 proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
3 to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

4 For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

13 planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They will still bear fruit in old age,

they will stay fresh and green,
15 proclaiming, "The Lord is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Bible - Mark 4:26-34

Parable of the Growing Seed

26 Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. 28 The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. 29 And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come."

Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? 31 It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, 32 but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

33 Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. 34 In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

Hymn – Soff 298 Jesus name above all names

Jesus, Name Above All Names
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God Is With Us
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

All age

Hymn – MP1016 When the music fades/heart of worship

1. When The Music Fades
All Is Stripped Away
And I Simply Come
Longing Just To Bring

Something That's Of Worth
That Will Bless Your Heart
I'll Bring You More Than A Song
For A Song In Itself
Is Not What You Have Required
You Search Much Deeper Within
Through The Way Things Appear
You're Looking Into My Heart

I'm Coming Back To The Heart Of Worship
And It's All About You
It's All About You, Jesus
I'm Sorry, Lord, For The Thing I've Made It
When It's All About You
It's All About You, Jesus

2. King Of Endless Worth
No One Could Express
How Much You Deserve
Though I'm Weak And Poor
All I Have Is Yours
Every Single Breath
I'll Bring You More Than A Song
For A Song In Itself
Is Not What You Have Required
You Search Much Deeper Within
Through The Way Things Appear
You're Looking Into My Heart

I'm Coming Back To The Heart Of Worship
And It's All About You
It's All About You, Jesus
I'm Sorry, Lord, For The Thing I've Made It
When It's All About You
It's All About You, Jesus

Reflection

Offering and Hymn – MP908 Taize; On Lord hear my prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
O Lord, Hear My Prayer
When I Call, Answer Me
O Lord, Hear My Prayer
O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Come And Listen To Me

Prayer for the offering

Prayer of Intercession

Lord God, you insert yourself into the affairs of humankind through Jesus, the Messiah, because no earthly leaders are able to redeem the world you love so deeply. You have spoken. You will accomplish it.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Heavenly Father, even as you planted the majestic cedar tree and made it tall, so you also have brought us forth to bear fruit, in every age---even in old age.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Lord Jesus Christ, help us look at you and others with the spiritual eyes of faith, knowing that we are your new creation. Even as you died and rose for us, urge us to live and care for others.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Your kingdom, Lord God, is a seed-planting kingdom. Help the kernel of life in every shell of every single body gathered here for worship, split and sprout like seed in good soil, always looking forward to your day of harvest.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Holy Spirit, nations and leaders rise and fall like trees in a storm. In this age give us the wisdom to depend upon God's holy promises and commands, as our primary guides in life.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

Help us minister to those who need their health restored, their hope invigorated, their love rekindled. Bring us a joy greater than happiness, a love beyond imagination, and may our last illness bring us to your throne of grace.

Hear us as we pray for one another, for those we love that are sick and sore, for Tom and Moira, Kelsey and Kester.

Lord bless our friends at Slateford Longstone and the rest of your church in Edinburgh, throughout Scotland and to the ends of the earth.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: You live among us.

The love of God has won. The new life has begun.

Amen.

Hymn – SofF 368 Lord, you are more precious

Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver;
Lord, You Are More Costly Than Gold;
Lord, You Are More Beautiful Than Diamonds;
And Nothing I Desire Compares With You.

Benediction

Grace