

# ST NICHOLAS SERVICE 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

## CALLED BY NAME



### Call to worship

Leader: Jesus calls to us, wherever we are, no matter what we were doing.

**ALL:** We welcome him into our homes and into our hearts.

Leader: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

**HYMN** Joyful, joyful, we adore you (4 verses)  
*(Tune Ode to Joy)*

### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

#### ALL AGE

**Hymn** Will you come and follow me (A&M 510/CH4 533)  
(5 verses)

**Bible** Luke 19: 1-10 – The Message Version

#### Zacchaeus

Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn't see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead

and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by.

When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home."

Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped, "What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?"

Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, "Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I'm caught cheating, I pay four times the damages."

Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

**THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.**

**Reflection**      Called by Name

**Hymn**            Amazing Grace (MP31/CH4 555) (4 verses)

**Presentation of the Offering**

**Offering Prayer (said together)**

**Gracious God, we thank you that you are a God who goes on giving day after day. We can never repay all that we owe you, or even a fraction of what we have received from your loving hand. So, we bring these gifts, not as a settling of a debt, but as a gesture of gratitude and an expression of our love, offered to you in joyful worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Hymn** Blessed assurance (MP59/CH4 561) (3 verses + chorus)

**Benediction**

**Grace**