



HOLY COMMUNION
WITH BAPTISM

Welcome

Today we will celebrate the Eucharist and the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The word “**Eucharist**” means “thanksgiving”. In the central prayer of this service, we thank God for his Son Jesus.

At the Last Supper Jesus too gave thanks to God, over the bread and wine that he was to share with his followers. He said that this bread and wine thereby became his Body and his Blood. He went on to tell his followers to continue to do this “in remembrance of me”. We celebrate this service today in accordance with this instruction, believing that what we offer in thanksgiving – not least ourselves – will be similarly transformed.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God’s love.

For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God’s love.

Jesus said,

‘I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’

(John 10.10)

The Gathering

After a short time of silence for private prayer, words of welcome are given and the opening hymn is announced.

*As we are able, we stand to sing the opening **hymn**.*

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen.**

The president welcomes the people.

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

The Gloria

We remain standing to sing or say the Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

After a short time of silence, the president prays either this collect or the collect of the day.

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and

grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now
and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings from Scripture

We sit as we hear readings from the bible

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

*As we are able we stand to sing a **hymn** and after remain standing to
hear the Gospel proclaimed.*

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

cf John 14.6

All **Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading the Gospel reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

We sit for the Sermon

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidates

The president addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *N*
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *N* with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

P/G **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism *N* begins their journey in faith.

You speak for them today.

Will you care for them,

and help them to take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

P/G With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Paschal candle is lit. The president addresses the candidates through their parents and godparents.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

P/G I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P/G I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

P/G I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

P/G I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

P/G I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

P/G **I come to Christ.**

Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross, with the oil of Baptism, on the forehead of each candidate, saying.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The president with the candidate, parents, godparents and supporters gather at the baptismal font at the back of church. The congregation stands and faces the font.

The Prayer over the Water

The president stands before the water of baptism and prays.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water

your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to

lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith

and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the whole congregation.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Baptism

The president pours water on each candidate, saying.

N, I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

The president anoints the newly baptized with the oil of Chrism

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptised into Christ, have put on Christ.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The president together with the whole congregation says

**All Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for these children
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and
protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,**

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All **God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us a place
among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

*We return to our seats from the font, and sit or kneel for the prayers of
intercession.*

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are led by a member of the Church family.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The prayers may end as follows:

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Welcome and Peace

The president introduces the Welcome and Peace, and is joined by the newly baptized and their family

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a sign of peace with one another by shaking hands and saying 'peace be with you'.

*We sing a **hymn***

The communion table is prepared with bread and wine

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The president takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We remain standing for the Eucharistic prayer.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All **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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love

and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking the bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table to receive the bread and the wine, the body and blood of Christ. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic communion wine are available.

If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion you are very welcome to receive a blessing, come forward with your hands by your side.

The following words of distribution are used.

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ **Amen**

Hymns and anthems may be sung as communion is given out.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The president says either the following prayer or the post communion prayer of the day.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever:

All Amen

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all
your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices for the week are given.

*As we are able we stand for the final **Hymn**.*

Giving of Lighted Candle

The president invites the newly baptized, to the front of church, and gives a lighted candle, along with other gifts from the church community.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has
given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

The Blessing

God, who in his Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always

All **Amen**

Go in the light and peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God.