

Holy Communion And Baptism



***Open to God, open to one
another, open to the
community***

Welcome to our service this morning, from wherever you join us. We worship together, whether physically in the building or joining us online. We may be scattered physically, but we worship together as the family of God. May each one of us be blessed as we sing, pray and reflect together.

Today is especially significant as we welcome those who are to be baptised today. Baptism is a journey which continues throughout our lives as we respond to God's inclusive love.

We are delighted to welcome all those who have joined us for the baptism today.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, either to receive the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, a blessing. Please wait to be invited up by one of the stewards. If you need gluten free bread, please let us know.

Jesus said 'I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly'
John 10 v 10

*This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.*

*It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.*

Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.'

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The Gathering

Hymn

In the name of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Welcome

Words of welcome and introduction

Presentation of the Candidates

Parents and godparents or Sponsors stand. Godparents present the candidate to the congregation

(If the candidate is old enough to answer for themselves, the minister asks)

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them.' We thank God for those who have come to be baptised today. Christ loves them and welcomes Izaak into the Church.

So I ask: People of God, will you support Izaak as he begin his journey of faith?

With the help of God we will

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

With the help of God we will

The minister asks the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we belong to God. 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 him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God we will

In baptism (N) begins their journey of 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?

With the help of God we will

The Collect

Hymn

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Baptism

Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil

Signing with the Cross

The cross is signed in oil on the forehead of those to be baptised, a minister saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

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 God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of God's glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

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

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

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed through the deep waters of death and opened for all the way of salvation. Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find true freedom as your children, alive in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(N) is this your faith?

This is my faith

Baptism

(N) I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

If the candidate is to be admitted to communion, this will be included here)

The Peace

Introduction to the Peace followed by:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn

The Preparation of the Table

Gracious God accept the offering of your Church; the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
With saints and angels praising you and saying;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
And as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit
That broken bread and wine outpoured
May be for us the body and blood of your dear Son

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
And, taking bread, he praised you
he broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine,
Again he praised you, 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;
do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

So Father we remember all that Jesus did
In him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
Made once for all upon the cross
Bringing before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
We proclaim his death and resurrection
Until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Lord of all life,

Help us to work for that day

When your kingdom comes

And justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth

Look with favour on your people

Gather us in your loving arms

And bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nicolas and all the saints

To feast at your table in heaven

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ

In the unity of the Holy Spirit

All honour and glory are yours O loving Father

For ever and ever **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world
God is here among us, light in the midst of us, Bring us to light and life

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

The invitation to Communion is extended to all those worshipping with us today, whether in the physical bread we can touch with our bodies or the spiritual communion with God who comes to us wherever we are. Come to God honestly, in the way you know how. In silence, in music or in words. This prayer, or one like it has been helpful for some people.

Dear Christ, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. May I never be separated from you. Amen (*After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen

silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

The minister prays a prayer, and then we say together

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Commission

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

With the help of God I will

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin repent and return to God?

With the help of God I will

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God I will

will you seek to serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God I will

Will you pray for the world and its leaders, defend the weak, and seek peace and justice?

With the help of God I will

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

With the help of God I will

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. **Amen**

The Blessing

The God of all grace, establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith,
And the blessing....

Giving of a Lighted Candle

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

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

Final hymn

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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