



# THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

*of the Baptism of Christ*

## *Welcome to a service of Holy Communion.*

Being church is not dependent on going to church and we are still church even if unable to gather together in person to worship.

Whether in our buildings or online, all are included in God's church, irrespective of age, gender, race, marital situation, sexual preference, ability, or social standing.

From wailing babies and excited toddlers, those who are growing up too fast and those who refuse to do so, whether a Christian for many years, or haven't been to church other than a wedding some years ago, all are welcomed. No one can claim to have all the answers and all of us are struggling with our own questions and doubts.

In this celebration we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the giving of himself to us today in the form of bread and wine, which are for us his body and blood.

### ***The baptism of Jesus***

*Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;  
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,  
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son  
Reveal to us the single loving heart  
That beats behind the being of all things  
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.  
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings  
'You are beloved, you are my delight!'  
In that quick light and life, as water spills  
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,  
The voice that made the universe reveals  
The God in Man who makes it new again.  
He calls us too, to step into that river  
To die and rise and live and love forever.*

*Malcolm Guite*

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

*The president welcomes the people*

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

**Alleluia. Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Lord of glory be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction may be said.*



## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*This prayer may be said*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# **GLORY TO GOD**

**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** *(Prayer of the Day)*

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words "Let us pray."*

*The prayer for the day is said and all respond **Amen.***

*The Collect and the readings can be found on the inside of the Sunday notice sheet.*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*



### **READINGS**

*We sit as we hear one or more readings from the Bible.*

*At the end of each reading the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*A **HYMN** may be sung before the gospel.*



### **GOSPEL READING**

*We remain standing to hear the Gospel.*

*This acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

*Matthew 3.17*

**Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



### **SERMON**

# *Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism*

*Water is poured into the font*

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
**Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

*The president stands before the water and says*

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.**

*The president continues with the prayer which finishes:*

...for all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Alleluia. Amen.**

*The Prayer over the Water is followed by an act of penitence and dedication*

*The following response is used*

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

*Concluding with this prayer*

Almighty God,  
in our baptism you have consecrated us  
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The water is sprinkled over the people.*

*The president pronounces absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*We kneel or sit for our prayers. The following response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament



## THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## OFFERTORY HYMN

*During which a collection is taken for the work of the church*



## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The priest takes the gifts of bread and wine and praises God for them, using this or another suitable prayer.*

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

**Amen.**



## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** *(Prayer of Consecration)*

*Please sit or kneel. This form is used particularly when the prayer is said.*

The Lord be with you            *or*            The Lord is here.  
**and also with you.**                            **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

*The priest continues the preface and all respond*

**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.**

*After the words said by Jesus at the Last Supper*

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and at the end we make it our own saying*

**Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*The Agnus Dei may be said 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 invites the congregation to receive communion, using these or other suitable words*

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

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

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Communicants of any Christian church are invited to receive communion, all are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing.*

*To the words of distribution the communicant replies **Amen.***



**HYMNS** may be sung during the administration of communion



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The post communion prayer may be said.*

**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.**

## *The Sending Out*

### BLESSING

May God, who in 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.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

We have come to Christ, the living water.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**