



Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

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We gather in worship

*Please join in all parts of the service printed in **bold** type. The ♪ sign indicates that this part is sung by everyone. Please stand where indicated only if you wish. When the bell rings, we stand to sing*

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued,
the light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel;
That Christ will judge, and judging heal.**

**Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

John Rafael Peacey (1896-1971)

The Greeting

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and introduction.

We sing this song of praise.

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

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

**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, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**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,
the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The priest says the Collect, the special prayer for the day.

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word

We sit for the Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

The Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

Alleluia...

♪ **Alleluia...**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

♪ **Alleluia...**

We turn to face the reader.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit for the Sermon.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The deacon lights the Paschal candle. Ethan and Esaias, their parents and godparents come to the front. The congregation remains seated.

The priest addresses the whole congregation,

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

Will you support them on their journey of faith? **We will.**

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family? **We will.**

The priest then asks the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Ethan and Esaias today.

Will you pray for them and help them to follow Christ? **We will.**

The Decision

The priest addresses Ethan and Esaias's parents and godparents. We all join in the responses

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

We are assured of God's forgiving love.

Signing with the Cross

The priest marks Ethan and Esaias with the sign of the cross using holy oil, saying,

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

When Ethan and Esaias have been signed with the cross, the priest says,

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

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

Amen.

The ministers and baptism party go to the font.

The congregation faces the font.

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.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in
it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

We affirm our faith.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Baptism

The priest says to each child

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

After Ethan and Esaias have been baptized, we sing,

♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The priest leads us in prayer.

We welcome Ethan and Esaias

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Ethan and Esaias, 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.

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace

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; **and also with you.**

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow,
and with the words, 'Peace be with you.'*

We return to our places.

*During the offertory hymn the plate and card reader will be available for contactless
and cash donations.*

**Word of God, renew your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**Word of hope and Word of healing,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**Word of peace and Word of justice,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**God alone the power we trust in,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

To the waters lead your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

The priest takes the bread and wine and says the prayer of preparation.

We respond to each part of the prayer

Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord is here: **God's 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 praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes
in the name, he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper.

The Deacon says, Great is the mystery of faith

We sing

♪ **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The priest continues, ending ... for ever and ever

We sing

♪ **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen..**

We sit or kneel. We say together the Lord's prayer,

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 forever.
Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says,

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

We sing,

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world
Grant us your peace, Grant us your peace.

We share in Communion

The people receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for an individual blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.

Please come to the front and form a queue. Communion will be administered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.

Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle.

The priest says,

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

During the Communion we sing,

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember
I am at your side.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

You are mine, O my child;
I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

Gerard Markland (b. 1953)

The choir sings The Ground Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Silence is kept.

The priest says this prayer,

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We go into the world to share God's love

We sing the concluding hymn. Ethan and Esaias are given lighted candles.

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
shall clap,
shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944)

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Ethan and Esaias, 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.**

The Dismissal

The deacon says,

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

You are warmly invited to stay after the service for refreshments.

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