



**Parish Eucharist
with Holy Baptism**

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We gather in God's name

*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

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

The Greeting

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 to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

**Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

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

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We hear God's Word

We sit for the Reading

Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

The Gospel

Matthew 20.1-16

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 Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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. Arianna and Jeremiah, their parents and godparents and sponsor 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 Arianna and Jeremiah 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 Arianna and Jeremiah today.

Will you pray for them and help them to follow Christ?

We will.

The Decision

The priest addresses Arianna and Jeremiah'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 Arianna and Jeremiah with the sign of the cross using holy oil, saying,

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

When Arianna and Jeremiah 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

After the children have been baptized, we sing,
♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The priest leads us in prayer.

We welcome Arianna and Jeremiah

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Arianna and Jeremiah, 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 return to our places and the notices are given.

We celebrate Jesus in Bread and Wine

The priest introduces the Peace, where we greet one another in fellowship.

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.

All exchange a sign of peace

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

**From heav'n you came, helpless Babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

Chorus:

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
*This is our God...***

**3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
*This is our God...***

**4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.
*This is our God...***

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

We respond to each part

Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable for you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
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.**

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

We sing ♪ **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

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us 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,

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive and among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.**

The choir sings O how amiable— *RV Williams*

Silence is kept

The priest says this prayer,

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Sending Out

We sing the concluding hymn. Arianna and Jeremiah are given lighted candles.

**Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!**

**There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.**

**There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

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.
Arianna and Jeremiah, 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.