

¶ Taking Good News to the World

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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.

All **Amen.**

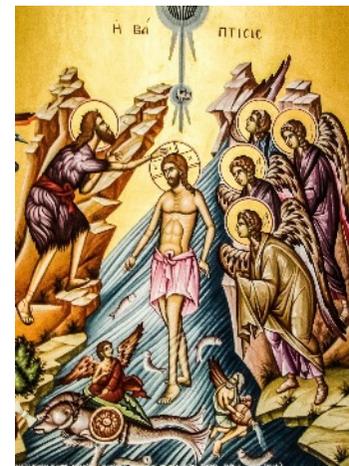
◆ Refreshed by Christ, the living water,
in peace, let us love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

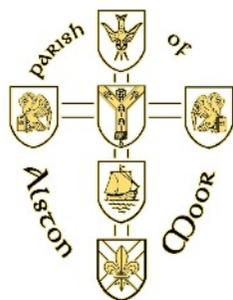


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Holy Eucharist for the Baptism of Christ



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- or phone 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237
- Meeting ID 357-123-751, Password 111

Before the service starts, you may like to prepare ...

- The Easter candle (or another candle), and something to light it with
- A little bread and wine to share
- A Bible and hymnbook – or today's readings and hymns from our website (though everything will also be onscreen)

During the service

- If you would like us to pray for someone or something specific during the service, please let us know
- Please keep your microphone muted during the service, except when you are joining in the responses or prayers

¶ **Gathering in God's Presence**

THE WELCOME

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All and also with you.

Though we are physically apart

All We are united in the love of Christ.

We light our candles as a sign of Christ's presence among us

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

HYMN

**When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon.
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**

**He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.**



HYMN

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise:
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart:
Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's Sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Irish 8th Century, trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) (alt.)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Then all say this prayer

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us by your holy Word
and by our fellowship in the body of Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Sustain us in our isolation by the power of your Spirit,
that we may live and work in peace,
and free from anxiety,
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices may be given out



**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All **Faithful God, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise, inspire our prayer
and shape our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SAYING SORRY, BEING FORGIVEN

◆ Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

Titus 3.5

◆ You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

◆ You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

◆ You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness in these or other suitable words

The God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **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 FOR THE WEEK)

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

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

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

Though we are one body,
we may not, for now, share the body and blood of Christ together.
Yet we are indeed one body, united in Christ's love.

So may we be blessed in the fellowship we enjoy;
may we be blessed in the bread and wine we share at home;
may we be blessed in the spiritual communion we make this day.

All **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

You may wish to pray these words quietly as the bread and wine are shared

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

You may wish to share a little bread and wine at home

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 cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

◆ Jesus Christ is Lord:
All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together 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 [N 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.

All **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray the Lord's Prayer, in whichever version or language we wish

◆ Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
we turn to the Father in prayer as we say:
All **Our Father...**

¶ *Listening to God's Word*

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*GENESIS 1.1-5 – NRSVA*)

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
² the earth was a formless void
and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

⁴ And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Into ancient words

All **you breathe new life.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*ACTS 19.1-7 –NRSVA*)

¹ While Apollos was in Corinth,
Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus,
where he found some disciples.

² He said to them,

'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?'

They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.'

³ Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?'

They answered, 'Into John's baptism.'

⁴ Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance,
telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him,
that is, in Jesus.'

⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them,
the Holy Spirit came upon them,

and they spoke in tongues and prophesied –

⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Into ancient words

All **you breathe new life.**



HYMN

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)



It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and saying:

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.**

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:



For us he was baptised and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked powers betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father glory be,
both now and through eternity.

Benjamin Webb (1819-1885) alt from Thomas à Kempis (c. 1379-1471)

TAKING THE BREAD AND WINE

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;
may we be willing to share his baptism,
ready to share his cup
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All **Amen.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**



GOSPEL READING (MARK 1.4-11 – NRSVA)

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

Matthew 3.17

All **Alleluia.**

◆ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

◆ ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside
and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ He proclaimed,
'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

⁸ I have baptized you with water;
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water,
he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

SERMON OR REFLECTION

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.
All **We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

- ◆ God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
All **fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

- ◆ As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
All **Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

- ◆ One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
All **truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

- ◆ For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
All **The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed



PRAYING FOR OTHERS

One of these responses may be used

Either:

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

Or:

Lord, hear us
All **Lord, graciously hear us**

And at the end

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

¶ **God Present in Bread and Wine**

SHARING GOD'S 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.*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN

As we sing the bread and wine are prepared

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.**