



The Parish of Gainsborough and Morton An Order of Service

Welcome to our service for the celebrate The Baptism of Christ

The Gathering

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you

So let us sing our first hymn "Be thou my Vision"

Prayer of Preparation

Together we pray...
**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.**

Prayer of Penitence

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The Priest pronounces Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

So let us Pray

The Collect is said, and all respond.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word
Reading

We sit for the readings. This will include readings from the Bible and a time to reflect on what they might mean for us in our daily lives.

At the end of the reading, the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

The response is

Thanks be to God

Hymn: Meekness and majesty

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The response is

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

The response is

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

So let us say together The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for our time of prayer

The following response is used

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And may end with:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Notices

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Prayer at the preparation of the table

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.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
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.

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:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

So let us sit or kneel as we say together the prayer that our saviour taught us

**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

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.

As I receive the bread and wine, can I invite to say the following prayer

A Prayer for communion in separation

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician,
here you meet me in our need.

In a world marred by corruption and marked by death,
draw me into true life.

By your selfless sacrifice,
help me to live for others and not myself.

May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally,
embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul.

Help me unite myself to you in spirit,
so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life
given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound
communion of life.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer is said

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's anointed

The Dismissal

The priest proclaims God's BLESSING and we are sent into His world...

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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