

# All Age Worship + Baptism

Welcome to our all-age worship service.  
Please join in saying the words in **Bold type**.  
The hymn numbers that we will sing in today's  
service are on the boards on the pillars.

*Please stand to sing our first hymn*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

*All are welcomed everyone. The service is introduced.*

We say sorry to God

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask God for forgiveness.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us**

Hearing God's forgiveness

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.**

We sing the Gloria

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people  
through the earth be given!

Mighty God and Father,  
thanks and praise we bring,  
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king.

Jesus Christ is risen,  
God the Father's Son!  
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners,  
all our guilt to bear,  
show us now your mercy,  
now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour,  
high and holy One,

seated now and reigning  
from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you!  
Highest heaven adores:  
in the Father's glory,  
all the praise be yours!

### The Collect

Let us pray in silence for a moment.  
The special prayer for the day is read.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. In baptism God claims us as his own, washes us from sin and sets us free from the power of death. Here we know that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, members of his body, called to share his ministry in the world.

*The Candidates are invited to stand and to face the congregation:*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome \_\_\_\_\_ and uphold \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The Godparents are invited to join the candidates:*

Godparents, the Church receives \_\_\_\_\_ with joy. Today we are trusting God for \_\_\_\_\_ growth in faith.

Will you pray for \_\_\_\_\_, draw \_\_\_\_\_ by your example into the community of faith and walk with \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In Baptism, \_\_\_\_\_ begins \_\_\_\_\_ journey in faith. It is your privilege and responsibility to speak for \_\_\_\_\_ today.

Will you care for \_\_\_\_\_, and help \_\_\_\_\_ to take \_\_\_\_\_ place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

### The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask you:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

### Signing with the Cross

*The sign of the cross is made on the candidates' forehead with the Oil of Baptism.*



\_\_\_\_\_ Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be afraid to  
profess the Christian faith. Live and grow in the  
light and love of Jesus, loving others as Jesus loves  
you. Amen.

*The parents and Godparents then make the sign of the  
cross on candidates' forehead.  
The people sit down.*

## BIBLE READINGS

*We listen to a Bible reading...*

*At the end the reader will say*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing a hymn*

We listen to the Gospel reading  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*And at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

WE EXPLORE THE READING

We watch, listen, and think as the worship leaders help us to understand the reading.

## THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

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.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us.

**Saving God, give us life.**



We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

**Saving God, give us life.**

Bless this water, that your children who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

**Saving God, give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them.

Bring them to new birth in the household of faith, and raise them, with Christ, to full and eternal life; for all might and majesty, glory and power are yours, now and forever.

**Saving God, give us life.**

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the Living God.

**We believe in God the Father  
from whom every family,  
in heaven and on earth, is named.**

**We believe in God the Son  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Baptism

\_\_\_\_\_ I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The newly baptised is signed with the oil of Chrism:*  
May God who has received you by baptism into his  
Church pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people,

you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.  
**Amen.**

### The Prayers

*We pray for the needs of the world, the church, and  
our local community.*

*This response may be used*

*Lord in your mercy:*

***Hear our prayer***

*At the end*

Merciful Father

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



*Please stand*

## THE WELCOME AND THE PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*The congregation greet the newly baptised with clapping!*

### The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into the 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.**

*We offer one another a sign of God's peace*



*We sing a hymn - A collection is taken.*

*Let us pray.*

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,  
and with them our lives,  
to be used in your service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 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.**

*Child: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

*Answer: Listen, and we will hear.*

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.  
You give us happy times  
and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.  
You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and say your praise:

**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 thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Child: Why do we share this bread and wine?*

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples,  
saying:

‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.’

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Child: How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with [N and] all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we sit to 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

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.**

*All say:*

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only  
say the word and I shall be healed.**

### We Share Bread and Wine

*You are invited to come to receive bread and wine.  
If you need a gluten-free wafer or if you would  
prefer a blessing, please let us know.*

*Music may be played, and a hymn sung.*

*Please use the quiet time to pray and reflect.*

We Pray the Post Communion Prayer (See sheet)

*We all pray*

For the bread and the wine

**Thank you, Jesus**

For the love around this table

**Thank you, Jesus.**

For sending us out into the world filled with your  
Spirit

**Thank you, Jesus**

NOTICES – *we find out about other church services  
and events*

*We stand to sing a hymn*

## THE SENDING OUT AND BLESSING

*The newly baptised, are presented with a lighted  
candle, symbol of Christ, Light of the World.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Blessing

The Peace of God

which passes all understanding

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be amongst you

and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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

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