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BAPTISM OF CHRIST



CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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THE GATHERING

¶ *The ministers and server process to the font via the centre aisle, the people having been invited to **face the font**.*

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *The **priest** offers an informal welcome to the congregation and introduces the service.*

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

¶ *The priest pours water into the font with these words*

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All **Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

¶ *The priest stands before the water and says*

Priest God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptized to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement, anoint your children with power from on high, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom. For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever.

All **Alleluia. Amen.**

¶ The Prayer over the Water is followed by this act of penitence and dedication

Priest God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us; look in mercy on your people. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism, and failed to be your disciples. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Though we are saved by Christ and dead to sin through the deep waters of death, we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have shown indifference to those in need and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember your repeated forgiveness of our sins. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan. Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God, and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Priest Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit. May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith, and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The water is sprinkled.*

¶ *The priest then says*

Priest ‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride. ‘Come forward, you who are thirsty, receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it.’ May almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our* sins, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Gloria is said by all as the ministers and server return to the crossing. Please turn to face the altar.*

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

Priest Let us pray

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Reading

¶ *A portion of Scripture appointed for the day is read. At the end of the reading, the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

¶ *The priest's acclamation heralds the Gospel reading:*

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

All **Alleluia.**

¶ *When the Gospel is announced the priest says:*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¶ *At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known to the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

¶ *Prayers of Intercession. These responses may be used:*

Lord in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.

All **Hear our prayer.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

¶ At the end of the prayers, the following may be used:

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

¶ *The Peace is introduced in these words:*

Priest 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ Please do not share the peace with physical touch, or move closer to those around you. However, please offer one another a sign of peace with a warm smile, nod or bow, and with the words 'peace be with you,' 'the peace of the Lord,' or similar.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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.**

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.**

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says*

Priest We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

¶ *The priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion.*

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

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

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.**

¶ *A prayer for Spiritual Communion*

Priest Heavenly Father: as we participate with your people in these holy mysteries, we pray you now to grant to those who seek it your gift of spiritual communion, with trust in your faithfulness and your abiding love, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

¶ *The priest elevates the ciborium and says:*

Priest The Body and Blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

¶ *We then receive Holy Communion SILENTLY in one kind only.*

Prayer after Communion

¶ *Silence is kept. The priest says:*

Priest Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Sending Out

¶ *Announcements and notices for the week are given after which the*

¶ *The priest says this blessing:*

Priest 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. **Amen.**

¶ *The **priest** dismisses the people with the words,*

Priest We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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