

Sung Eucharist



with the Baptism and Confirmation of

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Notes

Baptism is a community event, welcoming new members of Christ's flock, and providing an opportunity for all the baptised to renew their vows. It should therefore take place within the regular pattern of congregational worship.

When adults are baptised, their confirmation and first communion should take place at the same service as their baptism, making one unified rite of Christian initiation.

Oil may be used if desired at the signing of the cross. The optional use of oil (chrism) restores an ancient baptismal ceremony. It evokes a rich variety of biblical imagery: the anointing of kings (1 Samuel 16), the royal priesthood (1 Peter 2), the seal of the saints (Revelation 7) and is traditionally associated with the Holy Spirit. Its relationship with the name 'Christ', the anointed one, reminds us that each baptism is related to the baptism of Jesus.

The Sign of the Cross at Baptism

When the sign of the cross is made on the candidate's forehead following baptism, we are reminded not to be ashamed to confess that Christ was crucified for us. The cross reminds us of all the benefits of salvation which flow to us from the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Since ancient days, Christians have used the sign of the cross at baptism to dedicate the candidate to serve Christ. It is a badge of service. We are received into the congregation of Christ's Church by baptism, and this is valid whether or not the sign of the cross is used. Baptism consists in the person being dipped in water or having water poured on his or her face, and the words 'I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' being duly pronounced with the intention of obeying our Lord's command.

While the sign of the cross is not part of the substance of the sacrament of baptism, it is retained for its significance as set out above.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Processional Hymn: AHB 75/TiS 139. Tune, Gonfalon Royal

- 1. O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new, uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
- 2. O wide-embracing, wondrous love, we read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
- 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
- 4. We read your power to bless and save ev'n in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.
- 5. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way; eternal love, in you we rest, for ever safe, for ever blest.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89

The Welcome—The Vicar

The Bishop greets the people, using these or other suitable words

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures for ever.

There is one Body and one Spirit; there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you and also with you.

The minister may continue with these or similar words

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

In confirmation those who have been baptised come to confirm their baptismal promises and to receive the laying on of the bishop's hand with prayer. We pray that those who are baptised and confirmed will be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the ministry and service to which God shall call them.

So we welcome you, Will with your sponsors and family.

We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The minister says

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess our need of forgiveness.

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day.

Let us pray.

In our hearts, O God, you have written a covenant of grace, sealed by the obedience of Jesus your Son.

Raise us up with Christ, the grain fallen to earth that yields a harvest of everlasting life. Bring us to glorify your name by following faithfully where he has led.

We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah [31. 31-34]

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Psalm 119. 9-16

Plain = Lectern (Left) side Italics = Pulpit (right) side Bold = All

How shall the young keep their path pure: unless they hold to your word?

I have sought you with my whole heart: let me not stray from your commandments.

I have treasured your words in my heart: *that I might not sin against you.*

Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes.

With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth;

And I find more joy in the way of your commands: than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your precepts: and give heed to your ways;

For my delight is wholly in your statutes: and I will not forget your word.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [5. 5-14]

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,

today I have begotten you';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food;

for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: AHB 521 / TiS 600. Tune, North Coates

- 1. O my Saviour, lifted from the earth for me, draw me, in your mercy, at your side to be.
- 2. Lift my earth-bound longings, fix them, Lord, above; draw me with the magnet of your mighty love.
- 3. Lord, your arms are stretching ever far and wide to enfold your children to your loving side.
- 4. And I come, Lord Jesus: dare I turn away? No, your love has conquered, and I come today.
- 5. Bringing all my burdens, sorrow, sin and care, at your feet I lay them, and I leave them there.

William Walsham How 1823–97 alt.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [12. 20-33] Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon Silence may follow.

THE PRESENTATION

The bishop invites the sponsors to present the candidate.

We welcome him who comes to be baptised and confirmed. I invite his sponsors to present him now.

The sponsors answer

We present *William David Moore* to be baptised and confirmed.

THE DECISION

The bishop says to the candidate

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil? I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen**.

The bishop says to the candidate and the congregation

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The bishop says to the candidate and sponsors

Do you affirm this faith as yours? I do.

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The bishop says to the congregation

You have heard our brother respond to Christ. Will you support him in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

THE PRAYERS

The minister says

Let us pray

Grant, merciful God, that this person may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Give to his sponsors and his family the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Give to him strength and grace that he may faithfully serve you all his life.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world in which we live, for peace and harmony among all people. Bring healing and wholeness to the sick [especially ...], to those who mourn and to all in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith.

Hasten that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Processional Hymn: Together in Song 494. Tune Paderborn

- In water we grow, secure in the womb, and speechlessly know love's safety and room. Baptizing and blessing we publish for good the freeing, caressing safe keeping of God.
- 2. In water we wash: the dirt of each day, its trouble and rush are carried away.

In Christ re-created by love's cleansing art, self-will and self-hatred dissolve and depart.

- In water we dive, and cannot draw breath, then surface alive, rebounding from death. Our old self goes under, in Christ dead and drowned. We rise, washed in wonder, by love clad and crowned.
- 4. In water we dwell, for by its deep flow through bloodstream and cell, we live, think, and grow. Praise God, love outflowing, whose well of new birth baptizes our knowing, and waters the earth.

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THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:

for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins

and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Will to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water that he who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The candidate is brought to the water.

The minister baptises by dipping the candidate in the water, or pouring water over him, saying

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

Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

Will, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

and the congregation responds, saying

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

The minister says

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

and the congregation joins the minister saying

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The minister continues

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister in saying

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ,

as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

CONFIRMATION

The bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord now, and for ever. Amen.
Almighty and everliving God, you have given your servant new birth by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven him his sins.
Strengthen him, we pray, with the Holy Spirit that he may grow in grace.
Increase in him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill him with wonder and awe at your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bishop, lays a hand upon the candidate for confirmation saying

Will, I sign you with the sign of the cross and I lay my hand upon you. Lord, confirm and strengthen by your Holy Spirit this your child, Will, and empower him for your service. **Amen.**

After the candidate has received the laying on of hands the congregation with the Bishop prays:

Defend, O Lord, this your servant, Will, with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The bishop prays for the confirmed.

Almighty and everliving God, watch over this your servant upon whom we have now laid our hands. Let your Holy Spirit always be with him and lead him to know and obey your word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

All stand.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 580. Tune, Lobe Den Herren.

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation; all you who hear, now to his altar draw near, join in profound adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar; let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter: Christ the high priest

bids us all join in his feast, victims with him on the altar.

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us: ponder anew all the Almighty can do, he who with love will befriend us. 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him! all that has life and breath, come now in praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again, now as we worship before him.

Joachim Neander 1650-80 tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table. They may be presented in silence or a suitable prayer, such as follows, may be used.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

- All glory and honour, be yours now and always, mighty Creator, everliving God.
- We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him and brought us out of darkness into light. You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

JJJ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. A

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' A

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' A

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Let us pray

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

After all have Communicated—tune, SONG 47 (46) AHB 402.

- 1. Thanks be to God for his most holy Son. Our hearts we lift in adoration now.
- 2. Thanks be to God for all the Spirit's power. Our hearts we lift in liberation now.
- 3. Thanks to be God for giving us new birth. Our hearts we lift in consecration now.
- 4. Thanks be to God for eucharistic food. Our hearts we lift in exultation now.
- 5. Thanks be to God for hope of heaven's joy. Our hearts we lift in expectation now.
- 6. Thanks be to God, blessed Trinity above. Our hearts we lift in veneration now.

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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and his blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Notices.

The bishop may say to the congregation

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly.

We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope.

We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice.

I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

We will gladly do so, in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn: AHB 311 / TiS 402. Tune, Galilee.

- 1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above; come, be our guardian and our guide; o'er every thought and step preside.
- 2. The light of truth to us display and make us know and choose your way; plant holy fear in every heart, that we from God may not depart.
- 3. Lead us to Christ, the living Way, nor let us from his pastures stray: lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
- 4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there; lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him for ever blest.

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The bishop blesses the congregation with this blessing.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

The dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ: Thanks be to God. Amen.



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