



ALL AGE WORSHIP (B) – with Baptism **COMMON WORSHIP**



Welcome to this historic church of St Peter's where God has been worshipped for over 900 years. If you are visiting us or are new to the church we extend a warm welcome and pray that this service may draw you closer to the love of God our Heavenly Father as we worship Him together.

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Centre across the road.

PREPARATION

Welcome

Leader: We meet in the name of God;

All: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Hymn or song *(we praise God together)*

Confession *(we say sorry to God)*

All: **God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution (*we are reminded that God is always ready to forgive us*)

Leader: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Collect (*Prayer for the day*)

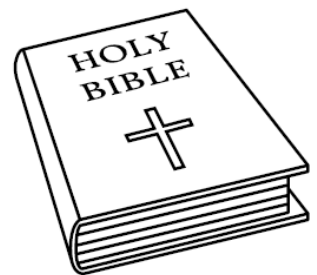
THE WORD OF GOD

We listen to one or more readings from the Bible.

At the end of each reading:

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Sermon (*We hear what God is saying to us*)

Hymn or song

Baptism

At the baptism of children the minister addresses the whole congregation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for *N and N* who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *these children* as they begin their journey of faith?

All: We will.

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

All: We will.

Questions for Parents and Godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for *N and N* today. Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?

We will.

At the baptism of candidates who are able to answer for themselves the minister asks:

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do

Testimony from the candidates may follow

The minister addresses the whole congregation

We thank God for *N and N* who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church. Will you support *them* on their journey of faith?

All: We will.

Decision (*parents and godparents or any adult being baptised*)

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

The candidates are signed on the forehead with holy oil



Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All: Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayer over the water

Praise 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.

We praise you, loving Heavenly Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

All: Amen.

Profession of faith

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

All: I believe and trust in him.

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

All: I believe and trust in him.

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

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

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

Baptism

[If an adult is being baptised:
N, is this your faith?
This is my faith.]



N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

The parents and godparents are invited to make the sign of the cross on the child and say a prayer for them.

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.
All: Amen.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for these children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N and N*, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Hymn or song

During which the offering will be received.

PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession (we ask for God's help)

This or another response may be used

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer



And at the end

Leader: Merciful Father,

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

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All: 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.**

CONCLUSION

Notices

Hymn or song

Presentation of a Candle

Minister: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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



Blessing

This or another blessing may be said

Leader: The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

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