



# The Advent Eucharist with Baptism



## The Gathering

The Notices are usually given by the Warden on duty after which please stand for the opening hymn

### Opening Hymn

### The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

All

Words of welcome and introduction are said



## The Advent Wreath

may be lit here



(The children's groups, if present, gather in the centre of the church to leave for their own ministry of the Word)

The following may then be sung

**Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy**

The Collect is said

## The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

All

Please stand for the **Gradual Hymn and Gospel**

### Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
**Alleluia.**

All

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ....  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

All

The Gospel is read



This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

All

Please sit for the **Sermon or Talk**

## The Liturgy of Baptism



### Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates are presented to the congregation. The president addresses the whole 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 these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

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

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

P&G **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

P&G **With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

A large candle may be lit. The president addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and sponsors

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:

P&G Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

P&G Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**I renounce them.**

P&G Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
**I repent of them.**

P&G Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**I turn to Christ.**

P&G Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
**I submit to Christ.**

P&G Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
**I come to Christ.**

### Signing with the Cross



The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

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

When all the candidates have been signed, the president says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

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

All **Amen.**



## Prayer over the Water

The ministers and candidates gather at the baptismal font.



The president stands before the water of baptism and says

All Praise God who made heaven and earth, **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 thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. Lord of life,



All **renew your creation.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Lord of life,

All **renew your creation.**

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** Lord of life,

All **renew your creation.**

## Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

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

The president pours water on each candidate, saying

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

All **Amen.**



The president says

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.**

The president and those who have been baptized return from the font.

## The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N and N*, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

*The congregation may greet the newly baptized.*

*The president introduces the Peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*A minister may say*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Offertory Hymn

*during which the collection is taken*

### Preparation of the Table

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one; so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

*All* **Glorify to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

*All* **Glorify to you, O God, for ever.**

*Please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer*

## The Eucharistic Prayer 4



*All* The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

*All* Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*All* It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

*All* In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

*All* On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*All* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

*All* At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

*All* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. *All* **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

*All* With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please KNEEL or SIT*  
*We have a time for private prayer, reflection and meditation. The children's groups rejoin us for the Lord's Prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer is said

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

**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.**

*As our Saviour taught us so we 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 5

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

*All* Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### Agnus Dei

*All* **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.**

### Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people



*All* **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*You are encouraged to come forward straight away to receive communion or a blessing (following the choir if there is one!)*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

### Prayer after Communion

*All* **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**



### The Clarendon Team Prayer

*All* **Lord God, the source of our unity, faith and love: bless the Clarendon Team, that sharing our gifts we may proclaim the gospel and reveal your glory. Amen**

## Acclamation

*All* With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**

*All* With judgement and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**

*All* In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**

*All* In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**

### The Dismissal

*Please stand for the Final Hymn*

*The newly baptised come forward to the front with their parents and siblings during the final verse*

### Blessing

*The president gives a blessing,*

### Giving of a Lighted Candle



*The president gives all candidates a lighted candle lit from the candle used at the Decision.*

*When all have received a candle, the president says*

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.**

### The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



*The newly baptised process down the aisle with their lit candles with the ministers.*



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