



Morning Worship with Baptism during the Easter Season



¶ The Gathering

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

Opening Hymn

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Words of welcome and introduction are said

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

Call to Worship

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

All **He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**



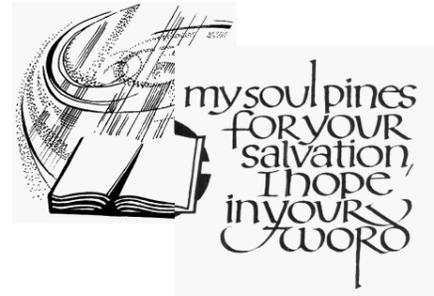
Please stand for the
Gradual Hymn and Gospel

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

The Gospel is read



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

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:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

P&G **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P&G **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

P&G **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

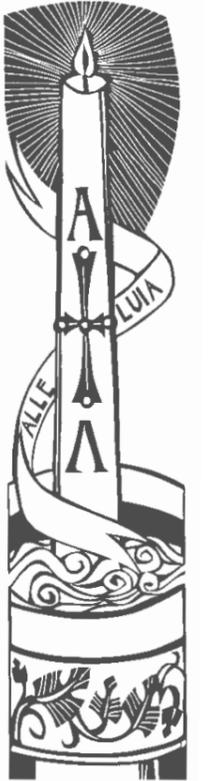
P&G **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

P&G **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

P&G **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

We gather at the baptismal font.

The president stands before the water of baptism and says



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Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

All

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

All

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

All

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,

All

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,

All

give us life.

Bless this water, that your servants 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,

All

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, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. Amen. Saving God,

All

give us life.

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.

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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 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.



Offertory Hymn

during which the collection is taken

The Prayers of Intercession

may be used

The Lord's Prayer

is said

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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.

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.



Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Please do not take this order of service away with you

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