

# Holy Communion



Pentecost with baptism

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If this is your first visit, you are particularly welcome and it is hoped that you feel at home here. Please join in with the words in **bold**.

Notices and any banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

Please stand to sing; the servers and clergy process in.

**Greeting** 

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit †

Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Please sit.

Welcome

Some words of welcome are given.

#### Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as a sign and seal of that new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life. Surround *N* & *N* with your love, protect *them* from evil, fill *them* with your Holy Spirit, and receive *them* into the family of your Church.

# We Say Sorry

Let us say sorry to God for those things which we have done wrong.

Silence is kept.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For behaving just how we wish and not thinking of you.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For failing you by what we do, think or say.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We are Forgiven

May God the Father, who is love; Jesus the Son, who is grace; and God the Holy Spirit, who is truth, give you pardon and peace † Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We Praise God

#### Please stand:



# **A Special Prayer**

We 'collect' our prayers together in a special prayer for today.

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Please sit.

Acts 2.1-8, 12-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

The organ rumbles

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' Others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Presentation

Parents and godparents are invited to stand at the front.

The priest addresses the congregation:

People of God, will you support N & N on their journey of faith and help *them* to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

The priest addresses the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents you speak for N today. Will you pray for N & N and help him/her to follow Christ? We will

#### The Decision

The priest addresses the parents and godparents:

We all wander away from God and lose our way, but 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?

Do you trust in him as Lord? I do

### Signing of the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross with oil on those being baptised, saying:

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

Parents and godparents are invited to make the sign of the cross also.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

Fight valiantly with Christ against all the powers of evil and remain faithful to him 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 † **Amen.** 

The parents and godparents return to their seats.

# **Gospel Hymn**

Please stand sing and turn to face the gospel book as it is processed.

# The Gospel

The choir sings the Alleluia, the congregation then repeats:



The gospel is proclaimed.

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

Then at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We all sing:



Sermon

Please sit.

After the sermon, the clergy and baptism party move to the font.

### Prayer over the Water

Please stand and turn towards the font.

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

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

We praise you, loving 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.

Now bless this water † that those who are baptised in it today may be cleansed and filled with your Spirit, and may know that they are loved as one of your children, safe in Christ forever.

Amen.

**Profession of Faith** 

Let us affirm the faith of the church:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# The Baptism

The priest pours water on the head of those being baptised, saying:

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

Amen.

The priest sprinkles those around the font saying 'remember your baptism'.

The priest then prays for those who have been baptised:

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. **Amen.** 

The Commission

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for N & N and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon N & N your healing and reconciling love, protect them home from all evil, and fill them always with the light of your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

#### We Share the Peace

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

The deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace; the baptism party return to their seats.

Hymn

Please stand to sing; the altar is prepared.

We Give Thanks

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 thanks and praise

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

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love on the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

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.'

# Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His body is the bread of life

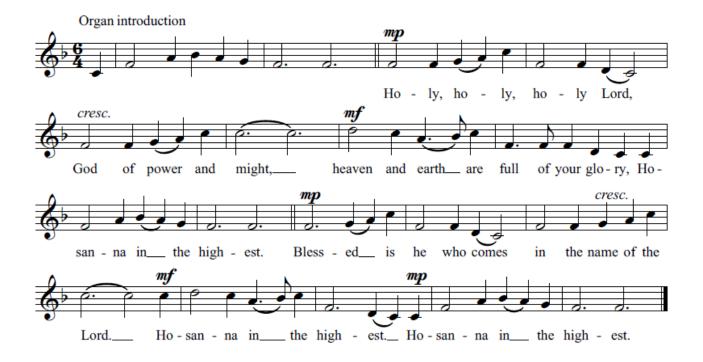
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.'

# 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 †

# As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:



### The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

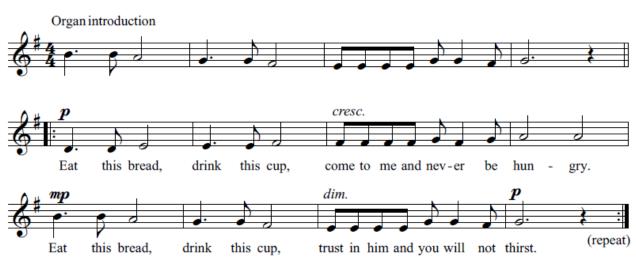
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

# We Sing



#### **Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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

The Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

If you would rather receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and your head bowed.

The Choir will sing an anthem.

**After Communion** 

The priest prays for the sick and departed.

We then pray together:

Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.
By the power of your Holy Spirit keep us always in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn

Please stand to sing.

# Giving of a Lighted Candle

The baptism party gather at the front of the church.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

The priest gives those who have just been baptised a lighted candle

N & N, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

The Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

The Dismissal

The deacon sends us out in the power of the Spirit:

Go, in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.** 

The servers and clergy depart.

An organ voluntary is played.

Please feel free to get up and leave your seats at any time.

Thank you for coming to St. Peter's this morning.

# Please come to the church cottages for refreshments.

If you would like to find out more about the services or any aspect of the life of St. Peter's, then please email <a href="mailto:stpetersleck@gmail.com">stpetersleck@gmail.com</a>

There is no collection taken during the service, but you can make an offering as you leave (there is a card machine).

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