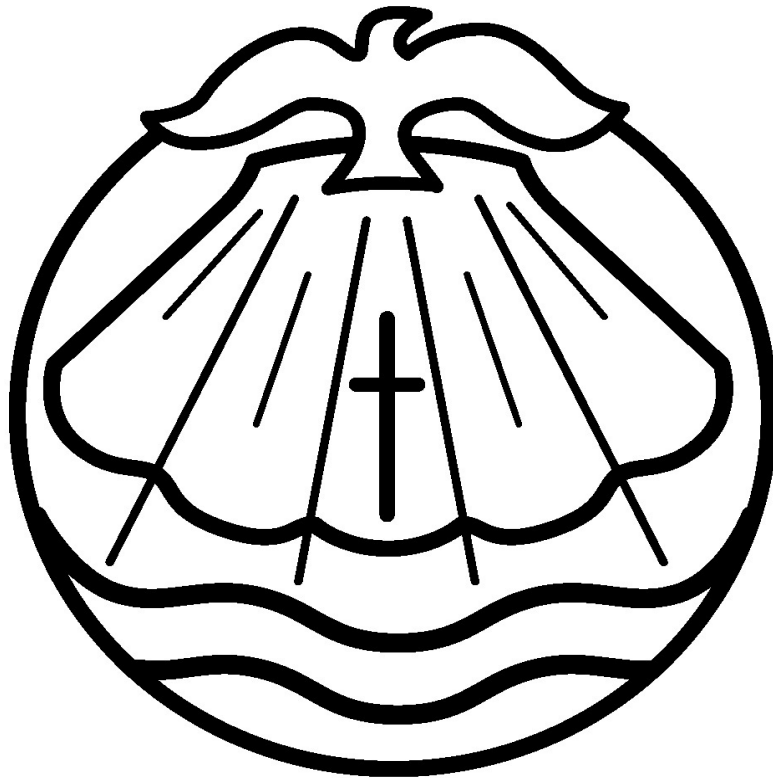




St Peter's
Leckhampton Parish Church

Holy Communion



The Baptism of Christ
(with baptism)

Welcome to St Peter's Church

*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**.*

The Baptism of Christ

Today we remember the Baptism of Christ which falls within the season of Epiphany. It is one of the moments of revelation where Jesus is revealed as the Son of God at his own baptism.

There will be a chance to renew your baptism vows during this service.

Notices are given out and any banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

Please stand as the clergy, choir and servers 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.

Welcome

Some words of welcome and introduction 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* 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

The deacon says:

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

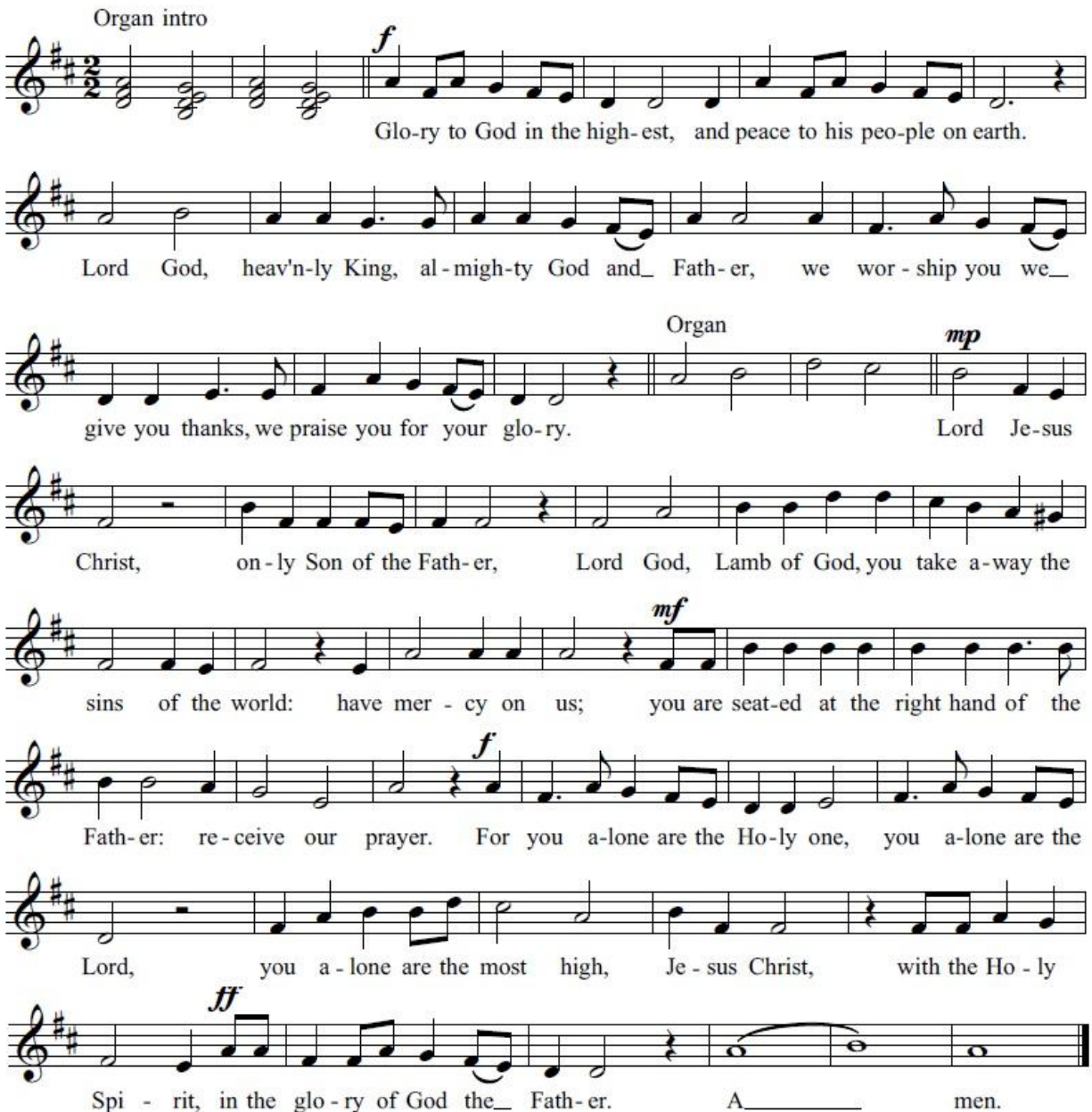
Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins †
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We Praise God

Please stand

Organ intro



f
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you we

Organ *mp*
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus

Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

mf
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the

f
Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly one, you a-lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

ff
Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A men.

The Collect

We remain standing for the special prayer for the day, known as the 'Collect', which is introduced with 'Let us pray'.

**Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
May we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Reading

Please be seated, at the end we respond:

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* 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 them and help them 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 on behalf of *N* and yourselves:

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 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 also invited to make the sign of the cross on the head of *N*.*

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 to sing; then turn to face the Gospel book as it is processed.

The Gospel

The choir sings the Alleluia, the congregation then repeats:

Organ introduction

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The deacon introduces the Gospel:

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:

Organ introduction

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

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 then prays:

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 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.**

Renewal of Baptism Vows

All present are given the opportunity to renew their baptism vows.

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 turn away from sin?

I turn away from sin.

Do you reject evil?

I reject evil.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ as Saviour.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I trust in him as Lord.

The clergy move among the people and sprinkle them with baptismal water, saying:

'Remember your baptism in Christ'.

Prayer for the People

The baptism party return to their seats.

The priest then prays:

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We Share Christ's Peace

Please remain standing.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

The deacon says:

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

We all exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

During which the bread and wine are placed on the altar.

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:

Organ intro

mp Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly__ Lord, *mf* God of power and
 might, *f* God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are__ full of__ your_
ff glo - ry. Ho - San - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. *mp*

Organ intro

p Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
mp Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
p Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

The 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.**

Agnus Dei

We join with the angels in the song of heaven:

Organ intro

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb_ of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: Grant us,____ grant_ us____ peace.

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.

You are very welcome to make your own decision as to whether to receive the bread alone or the bread and the wine.

Please indicate if you would like a gluten free wafer.

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

Please let one of the stewards know if you would like to receive Communion or a blessing in your seat.

The choir will sing an anthem.

After Communion

The priest prays for the sick and the 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 the final hymn.

The baptism party gather at the front of the church.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

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, 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

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 into the world.

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

The choir, servers and clergy depart.

An organ voluntary is played.

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

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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 stpetersleck@gmail.com

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

Please feel free to take this service booklet home with you.

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Epiphany Prayer

*Lord Jesus
May your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the Magi.*

*Build us up and send us out;
Work through us for the good of the world;
Help us to be the agents of change
so that we might build bridges and not barriers.*

*Your message is one of love for all humanity;
may our lives show that love so that all people
may have a part of the abundance that you provide.*

*In your name we pray.
Amen.*

