

St John's, Harpenden



Parish Eucharist

with Holy Baptism

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:19-20.

A prayer to say before the service:

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your Holy Name,
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

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WELCOME

Please stand when the hymns begins and the Procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6911 *Jesus Shall Reign*

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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.

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 the sign and seal of this 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.

We remain standing for GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord
God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sit for the NEW TESTAMENT READING

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.
¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Stand and turn to face the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

II On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Sit for the SERMON

A short silence follows the Sermon.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates are presented to the congregation.

The minister first 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 Rupert, Toby and Henry
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The minister 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?

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?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

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?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

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

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

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

I come to Christ.

SIGNING OF THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate with Holy Oil, saying

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

When all the candidates have been signed, the minister says

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

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TO THE FONT 116 Be thou my guardian and my
guide
please stand

1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

3 And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

4 Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

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 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.

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.

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

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.

THE BAPTISM

The minister pours water on each candidate in turn, saying

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

All Amen.

The minister then 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.**

Stand for 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 greets the newly baptized with a round of applause
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.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Congregation shake hands with those immediately around them, saying 'Peace be with you'.

OFFERTORY HYMN 784 *Stand up, Stand up for Jesus*
During the Offertory hymn, the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the Altar

I Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,

till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

Remain standing

Blessed be God
by who grace creation is renewed
by whose love heaven is opened
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom
you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the ✠ body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often
as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and
looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Our Lady Mary, St John, St Alban and all
the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to say:

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.

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

✠ Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All Baptised Christians who normally receive Communion in their own church are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a Blessing, bow your head. Please follow the direction of the wardens. Gluten Free wafers are available.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

451i Just as I am

358 Be still for the presence of the Lord

A short period of silence is kept after Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ; through him we offer you our souls and
bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your
Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Sit for the NOTICES.

FINAL HYMN 757 *One more step along the world I go*

1. One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me traveling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

2. Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

3. As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me traveling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me traveling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

5. You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

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.

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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 upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

THIS DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Remain standing as an Organ Voluntary begins and the
RECESSION takes place.*