

Holy Communion and Baptism

First Sunday of the month



Jesus said:

“For the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”

Welcome to St Philip and St James' Church

If this is your first time here, you are particularly welcome and we hope that you feel at home here.

This service is particularly designed with families and children in mind. We invite children to pick-up a candle and join the procession at the beginning of the service and to sit in our informal family space near the altar throughout the service.

The prayers in this service use a number of repeated phrases that are aimed at helping children to join in. Please point them out to children and encourage them to have their voice heard in our worship. Children are also welcome to gather around the font at the baptism, to receive bread at Communion and to myself out to the back of Church with noise makers.

Please do not worry if your children make noise or move around and feel free to walk around Church with them or take them for a short walk and come back if they really need some screaming space!

As Jesus said, the Kingdom of God is for such as these.

A prayer based on one by St Richard of Chichester.

*Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the blessings you have given me and
For all the hurt and insults you took for me.
Merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know you more clearly,
Love you more dearly and
Follow you more nearly
Day by day. Amen*

The Gathering

Worship is the work of the whole people of God, so please join in loudly with all of the words printed in bold

The Lord be with you

And also with you

There is a brief welcome to the service followed by our opening hymn.

During the hymn children are invited to follow behind the Choir, collecting a candle to place on the altar.

We meet in the name of God

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Lord speak to us that we may hear your word.

Move among us that we may see your glory.

Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you. Amen

Prayers of Confession

Following introductory words we use one of the following prayers...

Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

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Father forgive us **Save us and help us**

Or

Loving God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have done wrong- in what we have thought and said and done. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved those around us as ourselves. In your love, forgive what we have been, help us to change who we are, and shape who we shall be, that we may act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Peruvian Gloria

'The Gloria' takes its name from the Latin for the opening word of this hymn of praise to God. The author is unknown but it follows the pattern of Old Testament psalms and has been used by the Church since at least 300AD. Please join in with the words in bold along with our music group

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
Alleluia! Amen!
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Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father
To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
Alleluia! Amen!
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Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit
To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
Alleluia! Amen!
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The Collect

The person leading the service says a special prayer for today

Reading

We remain standing as we hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading we say...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All-age talk

***If there is no Baptism, please turn to page ten,
where our service continues.***

The Baptism

The Baptismal party make their way to the Font at the back of Church

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?

With the help of God, we will.

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?

Parents and Godparents: 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?

Parents and Godparents: With the help of God, we will.

Do you turn to Christ

Parents and Godparents: I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins

Parents and Godparents: I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil

Parents and Godparents: I renounce evil

The child receives the sign of the cross on their forehead:

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

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.

The water is blessed, as we recall God's saving power

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together 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?

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?

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?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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

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.**

**God of our pilgrimage, we give you thanks for the gift of *this child* and
pray that *he/she* may remain steadfast in the faith. Bless these parents,
their home and community; May they be filled with your love, your joy
and your peace. Finally, we pray your blessing on the whole of your
creation. That all things may be renewed by your love and so come
reflect your heavenly glory. We ask these things through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Church welcomes it's new member...

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

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

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.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him in 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

We share the peace and then sing our next song

When there is no Baptism our service continues here...

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I believe and trust in him.

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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?

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This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel as we pray for the church and the world. The person leading the prayers will use the following responses.

Your Kingdom come...

Your will be done

The prayers may end with the following words

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

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

Agnus Dei

As we remember that Jesus is the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the world we sing this song...

Verse 1 & 2:

**Lamb of God you take away, take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy, mercy upon us
Have mercy, mercy upon us**

Verse 3:

**Lamb of God you take away, take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God grant us your peace
Lamb of God grant us your peace**

As we are invited to receive communion we hear these words and respond...

God Holy gifts, for God's Holy people
**Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing as directed by the stewards.

All, including children, who wish to receive Communion this morning are welcome to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the person offering you Communion. Should you be interested in Baptism or Confirmation, please speak to Nick after the service.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service Lord,
The hands that have taken Holy things

May the ears that have heard your word
Hear your voice in the world

May the tongues that have sung your praise
Be free from lies and boasting

May the eyes that have seen the tokens of your love
Shine with the light of hope

And may our bodies fed with your body
Be refreshed with fullness of life. Amen.

Notices

We sit for our Notices

Sending Hymn

We stand to sing our final hymn. During the hymn, children can join in with musical instruments and gather at the back of Church for the last prayers sending us out into the world...

The Dismissal

Christ is with you always!

Alleluia! Amen. We will see Christ in the world

You are the light of the world and the salt of the earth

Alleluia! Amen. We will be Christ to those whom we meet

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen!

Our diocesan LIFE strategy prayer

*The God of hope and transformation,
who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers the gift
of life in all its fullness,
send your Holy Spirit and grant us
joy in our following and vision in our leadership.
May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith,
and courageous in our engagement
with the people and places of this diocese.
As we share your life with the world,
keep us rooted and grounded in love
as we bear witness to your glory
and pray for your Kingdom to come.
Amen.*

