

Holy Communion in Eastertide with Baptism



HYMN: 558 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Please stand as the organ introduces the first hymn. There are blue hymnbooks in the pews.

THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

President The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome with a special welcome to baptism candidates Bella and Arlo Rugman-George, their family and friends.

Little Fishes leave returning for the Baptism.

CONFESSION

President The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

President 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.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All sing 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**

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY

President God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the powers of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; grant that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

We sit for the first reading

BIBLE READING Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received

the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 15.9-17

We remain standing for the Gospel reading, introduced with this greeting:

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

President Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master I doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made know to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

At the end, we respond:

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON*Little Fishes return***BAPTISM**

Those to be baptised are invited to the front: Bella and Arlo with their parents and godparents. The President first addresses the whole congregation.

President 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 candidates
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

President addresses Bella and Arlo's parents and godparents

President God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for Bella and Arlo
today. Will you pray for them and help them to follow
Christ?

Parents and godparents reply: We will.

Addressing Bella and Arlo's parents and godparents:

President We all wander far from God and lose our way: 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?

Parents and godparents reply: I do.

Do you reject evil?

Parents and godparents reply: I do

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Parents and godparents reply: I do.

Do you trust in Jesus as Lord?

Parents and godparents reply: I do.

Do you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

Parents and godparents reply: I do

Bella and Arlo are marked with the sign of the cross.

President Bella and Arlo, Christ claims you for His own.
† Receive the sign of His cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All Stand bravely with Christ;
oppose the power of evil,
and remain His faithful disciples
to the end of your life.**

President Bella and Arlo 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

President Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son
Jesus. On him you poured your Spirit at his baptism in the
River Jordan. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn
to him. And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the
water of life, filled with your Spirit and know themselves
loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Everyone is invited to stand.

President Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Bella and Arlo the Faith of the Church.

President 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.

President 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.

President 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.

President This is the faith of the church.

All This is our faith.

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

BAPTISM, COMMISSION AND WELCOME

The President pours water three times on Bella and Arlo saying

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

All Amen.

The baptism is followed by anointing:

President May God who has received you in 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.

We finish with the words of the welcome.

President There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one Body.

All Bella and Arlo we welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father, we welcome you.

The congregation is invited to welcome Bella and Arlo with applause.

Parents and godparents return to their seats.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel for our time of prayer. After each prayer, we respond:

Int Jesus, Lord of Life:

All In your mercy hear us.

The prayers end with these words:

Int Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN: 156 Come down, O love divine

During this hymn, the gifts of the people are presented at the altar.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 almighty and eternal Father,
 and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful
 hearts the memory of your wonderful works.
 For by the mystery of his passion
 Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
 has conquered the powers of death and hell
 and restored in men, women and children
 the image of your glory.
 He has placed them once more in paradise
 and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
 And so, in the joy of this Passover,
 earth and heaven resound with gladness,
 while angels and archangels and the powers of all
 creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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

‡ **Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

President We thank you, loving Father, because, when we
 turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life
 for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

† Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and
 wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had
 fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and
 shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body,
 given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
 gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
 for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate
 his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with
 these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more
 and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look
 forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all
 creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now
 with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalen and all
 your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in
 the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All sing **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All sing **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.**

Giving of Communion

President Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to share in Holy Communion, receiving the bread intincted in the wine, if that is your usual practice; or receiving a Blessing if you prefer. Everyone is invited to join in the hymn during Communion.

HYMN: 375 Amazing Grace

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

President God our Father, whose son Jesus Christ gives us the water of eternal life, may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen

All We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

HYMN: 513 Shine Jesus Shine

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Parents bring Bella and Arlo to receive their Baptism Candles.

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

THE CONCLUSION

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

President God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;

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

All **Amen.**

President Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Bella and Arlo with their parents lead us out,
taking the light of Christ out into the world*



*Please stay after the service to continue in fellowship
with tea, coffee or juice served at the front of the church*

Prayer for those being baptised

*Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Bella and Arlo
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes from harm.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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