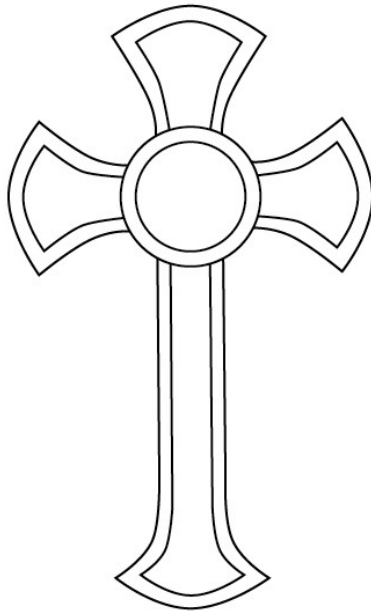


The Benefice of Tetbury, Beverston,  
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**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN  
AND  
ST. MARY MAGDALEN,  
TETBURY**



**Holy Communion  
with Baptism**

## Welcome to this Christening

Welcome, on this special day for your child,  
your family and your friends.

As each child is baptised with water, this marks  
the start of an amazing journey of faith.

Today they are specially known and named as  
God's beloved child, precious to you and  
precious to our loving Heavenly Father.

Today, as parents and godparents, you promise to  
support your child to grow up knowing the story  
of God's love, and living out that love in their lives.

But you don't do it alone.

Today all of God's family here at St Marys'  
promise to help and support you as well.

And for everyone witnessing this baptism, it provides an  
opportunity to remember our own baptism and  
reflect on the progress made on our journey of faith,  
which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

*Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for these children  
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.*

## THE GATHERING

### HYMN

*Please stand as the organ introduces our first hymn. The hymn numbers are shown on the display boards on the wall around the church.*

### 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.**

*Welcome*

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*We remain standing*

President We gather together here as God's family. Preparing to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us confess our sins and ask forgiveness from our heavenly Father, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

President    May the God of love and power  
                   forgive you and free you from your sins,  
                   heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
                   and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All            Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY**

*The President introduces the prayer for this Sunday.*

## **BIBLE READINGS**

*We sit down for our first reading. At the end of the reading:*

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

*Please stand to sing our second hymn.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Please remain standing as we continue with the Gospel reading.*

President    The Lord be with you

**All            and also with you.**

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

**All            Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the readings:*

President    This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All            Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**BAPTISM**

*The parents and godparents are invited to bring the children to the front.  
The minister first addresses the whole congregation.*

Minister Jesus said: 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them.' We thank God for [N], who have come to be baptised today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support [N] as they begin their journey in faith?

**All We will.**

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

**All We will.**

Minister 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?

**Parents and godparents reply: We will.**

Minister 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.**

Minister [N], 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 disciple  
to the end of your life.**

Minister 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**

Minister Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All who keeps his promise for ever.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister 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.*

Minister Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these children, the Faith of the Church.

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister 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.**

Minister 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 baptism is followed by anointing and the welcome.*

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

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

## PRAYERS

*During the prayers, this response is used.*

Reader Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

*And at the end we say:*

Reader Merciful Father,

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

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

President Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,  
since as members of one body we are called to peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*You are invited to share God's peace by shaking hands with those around  
you with the words: "Peace be with you."*

## HYMN

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

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 Blessed are you, Lord God,  
 our light and our salvation;  
 to you be glory and praise for ever.  
 From the beginning you have created all things  
 and all your works echo  
 the silent music of your praise.  
 In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
 the crown of all creation.  
 You give us breath and speech,  
 that with angels and archangels  
 and all the powers of heaven  
 we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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 all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**All            Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

President    Trusting in God's promises, as Jesus taught us, so we say:

**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 one bread.

**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.**

President Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*Everybody is welcome to share in Holy Communion, either to receive the bread and wine if that is your usual practice, or to receive a blessing by the laying on of hands. We may sing a hymn during Communion.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All** Faithful God, in baptism  
you have adopted us as your children,  
and made us members of the body of Christ.

**We thank you that in all we have shared today  
you renew your promises within us.**

**Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Banns and notices are given.*

## HYMN

### THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

*We invite the parents to bring the children forward to receive their Baptism Candle.*

President God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and 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.

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

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

President 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 all those you love, this day and always.

**All Amen.**

President Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO STAY FOR TEA, COFFEE  
AND JUICE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH  
AFTER THE SERVICE.**

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