

**The Parish of Pangbourne
With Tidmarsh and Sulham**



**Holy Communion
and Baptism**

The Gathering

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

All **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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

One or more of the following may be used before the confession

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says
to all who truly turn to him:
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life. John 3.16

Hear what Saint Paul says:
This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1.15

Hear what Saint John says:
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 2.1,2

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
And to live in love and peace with all.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

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 **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.**

**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.**

**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

The collect is said and all respond

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end the reader may say

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

Hymn

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Afterwards:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Baptizing

Families and godparents are invited to come to the front

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'
We thank God for *N* who has come to be baptized
today. Christ loves *N* and welcomes them into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as they begin their journey of faith?

All **We will**

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

All **We will**

The parents and godparents are asked

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

All **We will.**

The parents and godparents are asked to speak on behalf of the child.

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?

All **I do.**

Do you reject evil?

All **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

All **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

A cross is traced on the forehead of the candidate, with these words

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 him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ
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.

All **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

These words may be used

Praise God who made heaven and earth.
Who keeps his promise for ever.

All

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

All

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in
may be cleansed in the water of life
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

Everyone is invited to join in answering these questions

Let us affirm together with those who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.**

Baptism

The candidate is baptised with water, with these words

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

All **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.

All **Amen.**

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
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.**

Everyone may greet the newly baptized.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

And at the end

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

Hymn

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

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

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

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

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

All **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.**

Accept these praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Giving of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

All **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.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

The consecrated bread is broken

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.**

Agnus Dei

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins.
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world.
Grant us peace.**

The invitation to communion is given

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 and thanksgiving.

Prayer before the distribution

All **Most merciful Lord,
Your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
We were not fit
Even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your son,
That he may live in us and we in him;
And that we, with the whole company of Christ,
May sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen**

The priest and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. A suitable prayer may be said

All **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 into the power of your Spirit.
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

The Dismissal

A blessing may be said and then the newly baptized may be given 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.

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

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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