

The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

*The Eucharist on the*  
**Feast of the**  
**Baptism of Christ**





## *The Gathering*

### *Hymn*

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

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.**

### *The Gloria*

**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*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*All sit.*

*The Old Testament Reading*

*At the end of the Reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated for:*

*The Psalm*

*Remain seated for:*

*The Epistle*

*At the end of the Reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia

This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased.

**Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*A short address may follow the Gospel*

*then all move to the font for the Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism.*

*Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism*

*If Holy Baptism is administered during the service, the baptismal liturgy replaces this section.*

*Water is poured into the font:*

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**Lord, give us this water and we will thirst no more.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth

**Who keeps his promise forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;

for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life;  
for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.  
Restore through them the beauty of your creation  
and bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom.  
For all majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and forever.  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

*Act of Penitence and Dedication*

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you made with us:  
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism  
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

Though we are saved by Christ,  
and dead to sin in the deep waters of death,  
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

We have shown indifference to those in need  
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and for truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive,  
and have failed to remember  
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks  
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan.

Through the waters you have given us  
the mystery of baptism for the remission of sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

Through water and Spirit, you give us new life  
as the people of God, and pour out upon us  
the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us and we shall be clean.**

Almighty God, in our baptism  
you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,

and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride.

‘Come forward, you who are thirsty, receive the water of life,  
the free gift to all who desire it.’

*The people are sprinkled with water and then invited to sign themselves with the sign of the cross in the water.*

May almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Prayers*

*Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered. The following response may be used:*

Leader: Lord of truth,

**Response: Hear our Prayer**

*At the end:*

Father, **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known you heavenly glory. Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

God had made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Offertory hymn*

## *Preparation of the Table*

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts.  
May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

## *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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.  
Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.  
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying [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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Faith,  
the shepherds, the wise men, John the Baptist, the angels  
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*

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here amongst us,  
Light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*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 your peace.**

*OR*

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each  
communicant:*

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ

*and each responds: **Amen.***

*After Communion, silence is kept and the Angelus is rung.*

*Prayer After Communion*

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit,  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation,  
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.**

*There may be notices.*

*The Dismissal*

*Hymn*

*Acclamation*

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.  
**God has revealed himself to us.**

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.  
**God has revealed himself to us.**

The Spirit descends like a dove from heaven  
**God has revealed himself to us.**

Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.  
**God has revealed himself to us.**

*The Dismissal Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John  
(John 1:32-34)

John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.

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

*Blessing:*

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory: and the blessing of God Almighty, +the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Dismissal*

We have come to Christ, the living water.  
Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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