

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great Crosby

The **Eucharist**
with
Holy Baptism



The Gathering

Hymn

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

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

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

*To which all respond: **Amen***

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

The Old or New Testament Reading

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

cf John 8.12

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

There may be a sermon or short address, then we move to the font (or face the font) for the Baptism.

The Presentation of the Candidates

Faith is the gift of God in baptism. 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?

With the help of God, we will.

If the candidates are children, the following questions are used:

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?

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?

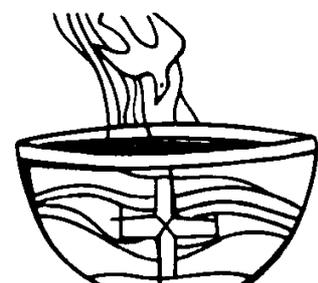
With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

Parents and Godparents answer on behalf of their children, and older candidates answer for themselves.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:



Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil

The Signing with the Cross

The minister, using the holy oil, signs each candidate with the cross.

Christ claims you for his own; receive the sign of the cross.

Parents and godparents or sponsors may sign the children/candidates with the cross.

Do not be afraid 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.**

Prayer Over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth
who keeps his promise forever.

Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of
water to cleanse and revive us.
Saving God, **give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.
Saving God, **give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.
Saving God, **give us life.**

+Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith,
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm,
together with these 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?
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.**

The Baptism

The minister baptizes each candidate.

N, I baptize 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 whole 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.

The Giving of 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.

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

Commission

The baptism certificate may be given.

The Welcome

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

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

Intercessions

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
heal and restore your creation.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

Your name be hallowed.

Your kingdom come.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand for The Peace

We are the body of Christ; by one Spirit, we were all baptised
into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and
builds up our common life.

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

The table is prepared and the bread and wine taken with prayer.

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.
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*:

**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 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.

All kneel or sit for: The Lord's Prayer

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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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.

Welcome

The Church of England welcomes communicant Christians of any denomination to receive the sacrament.

If you are not accustomed to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing.

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

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ

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

Prayer After Communion

All stand for the post-communion prayer, to which all respond:
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.

The Dismissal

Hymn

Blessing:

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. (Alleluia, alleluia.)
Thanks be to God. (Alleluia, alleluia.)

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