

**ALL SAINTS  
WEST DULWICH**

**THE EUCHARIST**



**HOLY BAPTISM**  
at the feast of  
**CHRIST THE KING**

## **Prayer of Preparation before the Eucharist**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*A minister calls the people to worship with the prayer above*

*Please stand*

*An introit and a processional hymn may be sung*

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

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

## Absolution

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. **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!**

To God be glory for ever.

**To God be glory for ever.**

Alleluia! Amen.

**Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!**

To God be glory for ever.

**To God be glory for ever.**

Alleluia! Amen.

**Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**

To God be glory for ever.

**To God be glory for ever.**

Alleluia! Amen.

**Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Readings

*At the end of each lesson the reader says*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*A gradual hymn may be sung*

## The Holy Gospel

Alleluia...

**Alleluia...**

Blessèd are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3

**Alleluia...**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

*Please sit*

### Homily

### Presentation of the Candidates

*The parents and candidates for baptism, together with the  
godparents or sponsors, come to the front*

*The priest asks those candidates for baptism who are able to  
answer for themselves*

Do you wish to be baptised? **I do.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation*

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 children/candidates*  
and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*At the baptism of children, the priest then says to the parents  
and godparents*

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

*The priest addresses the candidates directly, or through their  
parents, godparents and sponsors*

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## Signing with the Cross

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each  
candidate, with the oil of the catechumens, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

*When all the candidates have been signed, the priest says*

Do not be ashamed 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.**

*Please stand*

### **Prayer over the Water**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Baptism

*If the candidate(s) can answer for themselves,  
the priest says to each one*

*N, is this your faith?*

**This is my faith.**

*The priest dips each candidate in water,  
or pours water on them, saying*

*N, I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*The priest anoints the newly baptised with chrism, as all say*

**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. Amen.**

### **The Welcome and the Peace**

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

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

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints. 1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*An offertory hymn may be sung*

### **Preparation of the Altar Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessèd 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

**For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.**

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

**As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.**

And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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:

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

*Please kneel or sit*

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.  
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

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 peace.**

## Giving of 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.**

*An anthem and communion hymn may be sung*

*Baptised and communicant members of other Christian churches  
are welcome to receive Holy Communion;  
and all are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they,  
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be  
plenteously rewarded; 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.**

## **Brief Notices**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
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 the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart; a recessional hymn may be sung*

## ***An Introduction to Holy Baptism***

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit, as Jesus was at his baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there is a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of his or her life. As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

*Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'*

John 10.10

Eucharistic Prayer A with extended preface for the Feast of Christ the King.  
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