

Family Communion with Baptism



St Lawrence Church
Bovingdon

Opening Hymn or song

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

A Prayer

The Reading

The Talk

Hymn or song

Presentation of the candidate(s)

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

So I ask you all:

Will you support *these children* as they begin their journey of faith?

We will.

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

We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *N and N* today.

Will you pray for *them*,
and help *them* to follow Christ?

We will.



The Decision

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?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.

**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.

Amen.

Prayer over the water

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 it
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.

Amen.

Baptism

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 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.**

Hymn or song

Intercessions

sit or kneel

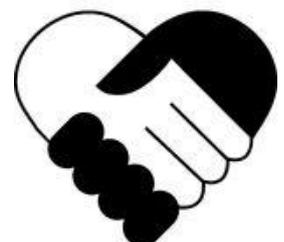
Now is the time when we pray together for the needs of others
and our own needs.

The Welcome and Peace

stand

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



The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn

The gifts are gathered and presented

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

Thanksgiving 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.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

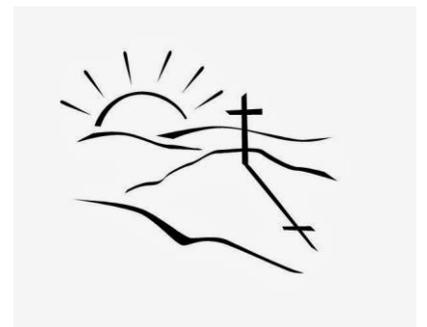
**Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

sit or kneel

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 forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Prayers after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Hymn



*A bible is presented to the family.
A parent receives a candle for each child*

God has delivered us from darkness and brought us into his marvellous light. *N*, 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.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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