

# Family Communion and Baptism

St Lawrence Church  
Chobham



# Welcome

*All stand*

## Hymn

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All**      **and also with you**

*All sit, notices may be given*

## Confession

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**All**      **Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**All**      **Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**All**      **Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**All**      **Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**All**      **Have mercy and forgive us.**

**All**      **Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross,  
by your Spirit and through your word,  
transform and renew us to follow you with our lives, we pray.  
Amen**

# The Baptism

*The Parents and Godparents join the minister on the chancel step.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,  
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.  
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.  
Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.  
As children of God, we have a new dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.

## A Preparation for Baptism

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those he is calling. People of God, will you welcome N and N and uphold them in his new life in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, the Church receives N and N 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?

**P&G**     **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism N and N 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?

**P&G**     **With the help of God, we will.**



*The paschal candle is then lit to symbolise the light of Jesus Christ, who is present with us today.*

# The Decisions

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 you:

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.**

## A Sign of the Cross

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

**All**

**Amen**

## Hymn

*During the hymn the Parents and Godparents gather around the font.*

## The Blessing of the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All Who keeps his promise forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Lord for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Now bless this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, those you are calling may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**All Amen**

## The Declaration of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this child the faith of the church. 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 shared 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.

## The Baptism

**N, 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 Baptism Hymn

*The Parents and Godparents return to the chancel step.*

In water we grow, secure in the womb  
and speechlessly know love's safety and room.  
Baptising and blessing we publish for good  
the freeing, caressing safe keeping of God.



In water we wash the dirt of each day  
its trouble and rush are carried away.  
In Christ re-created by love's cleansing art,  
self-will and self-hatred dissolve and depart.

In water we dive, and cannot draw breath,  
then surface alive, rebounding from death.  
Our old self goes under, in Christ dead and drowned.  
We rise, washed in wonder, by love clad and crowned.

## The Giving of a Lighted Candle

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support N and N by prayer, example and teaching. As their parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. So let us pray together for those guiding these children in the way of faith.

**All** Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for these children  
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,  
and protect their home from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. N you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

# Readings

*One or more reading and psalms may read, followed by the Gospel*

*At the end of each reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

**All**      **Thanks be to God**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, accord to N.

**All**      **Glory to you O Lord**

*After the gospel is read the minister says*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All**      **Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

## Prayers for Others

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized 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

**All**      **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn

# The Holy Communion

*Remain Standing*

**All** The Lord be with you  
**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 thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.  
You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.  
You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and say:

**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.**

**Eat**  
Body  
**Bread**  
**Love**

**Wine**  
Blood  
**Jesus**  
**Given**  
**Take**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.  
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All**     **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.  
Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.  
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All**     **Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** 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

**All** 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.

## The Giving of Communion

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 with thanksgiving.

**All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.  
Everyone is welcome to come and receive a blessing.  
Please bring up you children.**

## A Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Do please remain with us after the service.  
Come into the church hall for refreshments.

### Hymn

### The Dismissal

May God the Father who has shown himself to us today,  
purify our lives and lighten our paths,  
that together we may guide all others in the same way.

And may the blessing of God Almighty:

**The Father,**  
**and the Son,**  
**and the Holy Spirit,**  
Be amongst you all, and remain with you always.

Amen