



St James
Hampton Hill

Common Worship
Holy Baptism



Structure

The people and the priest

- ✘ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ✘ keep silence and pray a Collect
- ✘ proclaim and respond to the word of God
- ✘ welcome the candidates for baptism
- ✘ hear their decision for Christ
- ✘ pray over the water
- ✘ confess our common faith
- ✘ support them as they are baptized
- ✘ exchange the Peace
- ✘ prepare the table
- ✘ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ✘ break the bread
- ✘ receive communion
- ✘ depart with God's blessing
- ✘ give the newly baptized candles as a symbol of their
new life

¶ *The Gathering*

Words of welcome

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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.

Hymn

The president says

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.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray

Silence is kept

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the deacon says

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn

¶ *The Liturgy of Baptism*

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidate(s) are presented to the congregation

The president addresses the whole congregation

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?

All **We will.**

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

All **We will.**

The president then says to 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?

All We will.

The Decision

The president addresses the candidates through their parents and godparents.

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

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

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

All 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.

All Amen

Prayer over the Water

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give him 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.

All Saving God give us life.

We thank you that through the waters
of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery to freedom
in the promised land.

**All 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.

**All 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 in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin

**All Saving God
give us life.**

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 for ever.

All Amen

Profession 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?

All 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?

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.**

Baptism

The president pours water on each candidate

N, I 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.

Commission

We have brought *these children* to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for *them* and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ *they* will know the forgiveness of *their* sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As *they* grow up, *they* will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that *they* may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve *their* neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support *them* 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. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding *these children* in the way of faith.

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.

All Amen.

A Bible is presented, with these words

Receive this book.
It is the good news of God's love.
Take it as your guide

The Welcome and the Peace

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

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

The congregation greet the newly baptized.

*The president introduces the Peace in these
or other seasonal words*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The table is prepared and bread and wine
are placed upon it.*

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

All With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

All With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood.
All **we shall remember Jesus.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All 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 sing:

**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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All ***Christ has died:***
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us, grant us peace.**

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.

The president and people receive communion.

Please come forward, as invited, to receive communion. If you are a visitor, and have been baptised, you are very welcome to take communion with us here. If you do not receive communion then we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president leads the Post Communion Prayer

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.

Hymn

The Dismissal

The president prays this or another suitable 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.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The president gives the newly baptized a lighted candle.

When all have received a candle, the president says

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.

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

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

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