All Saints' Church, Gosforth



I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Holy Communion with Baptism

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Welcome to All Saints'

Welcome to this service of Holy Baptism that takes place in the context of the Holy Communion.

Baptism is a sign of God's freely given generosity and love, and a sign of new life in Jesus Christ. The baptised child is welcomed into the life of the Christian Church, becomes a member of the family of Jesus Christ, and is called to live as a disciple of Christ. During the baptism service parents and godparents will be asked to make promises on behalf of the child which say that:

- they turn to Christ
- they are willing to bring up the child as a member of the Church.

These promises would have been explained in detail during preparation for baptism. As ince the baptised begin their Christian life today in the All Saints' community, church members share responsibility for the nurture of the child. For this reason the congregation too will be asked if they will uphold the child in his/her Christian life.

At this service the baptism takes place within our Parish Communion which is at the heart of our life together and in which we hear Bible readings, sing, pray together and share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

If you take Communion in an Anglican or another church you are most welcome to share in the Communion. If you do not usually receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. During the hymn the bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken for our mission of the month (but if you would prefer to contribute to All Saints' please use one of the envelopes in the pew).

If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please make yourself known to one of us and fill out a contact card so that we can keep you up to date with news and events. We look forward to meeting you.

Coffee, tea, soft drinks and biscuits are served in the Church Hall after the service.

Again, a very warm welcome to you and your child who is to enter into the life and worship of All Saints' and into the church universal.

Andrew Shipton Vicar

We Gather

Hymn

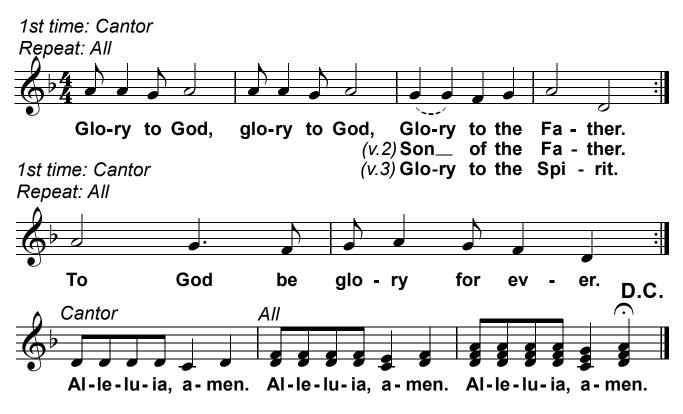
We greet one another

We say together the words printed in **bold**

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

Please sit as the children come to the front for a talk. Please stand as the children go to their groups.

Gloria in Excelsis



The Collect

The president says the prayer for the day.

All Amen

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Bible

At the end the reader may say



All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Gospel Reading



A seasonal verse is said or sung.



The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The parents and godparents bring the children who are to be baptised and present them to the congregation.

[If there are candidates for baptism who are able to answer for themselves, the minister asks them

Do you wish to be baptised?

l do]

The minister addresses the whole congregation

Today we thank God for these candidates who have come to be baptised. Christ welcomes them into his Church. Will you promise to support them as they begin their journey of faith?

All We will.

The minister then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, you have brought these children to baptism and speak for them today. As we trust God for their growth in faith, will you promise to care for them, pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

All 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?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys, and rise to live with him for ever.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject evil?

All I reject evil.

And all its many forms?

All And all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?

All And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?

All I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?

All And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him for ever?

All And promise to follow him for ever.

Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross with oil on the forehead of each candidate, saying:

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



When all the candidates have been signed, the minister says

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple 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.

Prayer over the Water

The ministers and baptism families gather at the baptismal font. The minister stands before the water of baptism and says

> We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. On him you poured your Spirit at his baptism in the River Jordan. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know themselves loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

The minister says

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe 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 the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

The minister pours water on each candidate, saying

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



The minister then says

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 Welcome and Peace

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

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

> 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

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We offer one another a sign of peace, before returning to our seats.

We share in Holy Communion

The Preparation of the Table

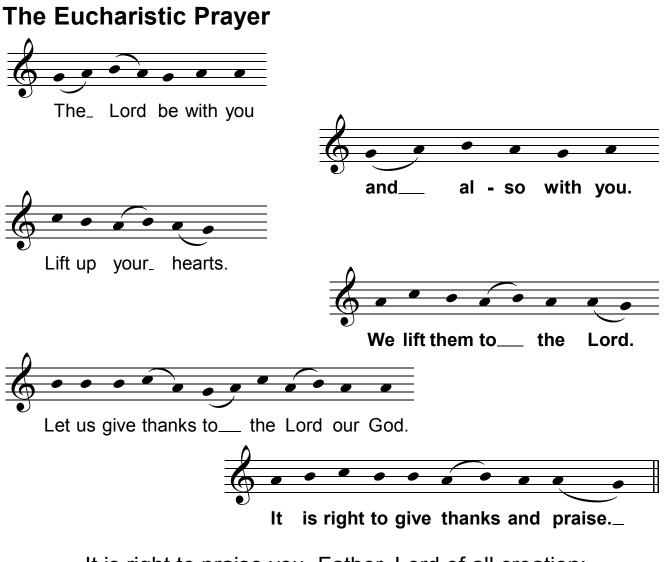
Taking the Bread and Wine

Hymn

During the hymn the bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken for our mission of the month (but if you would prefer to contribute to All Saints' please use one of the envelopes in the pew)

> God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends



he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

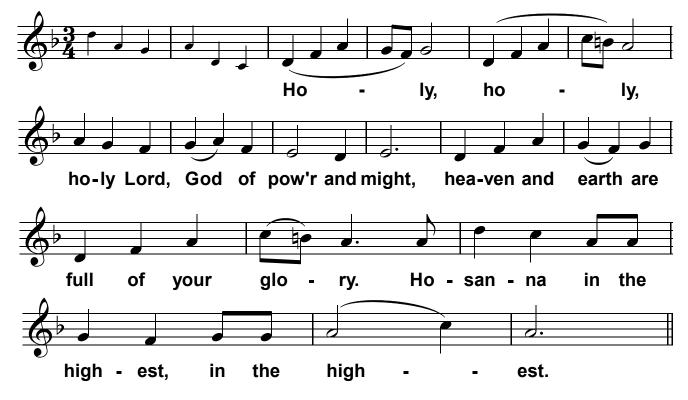
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:



The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

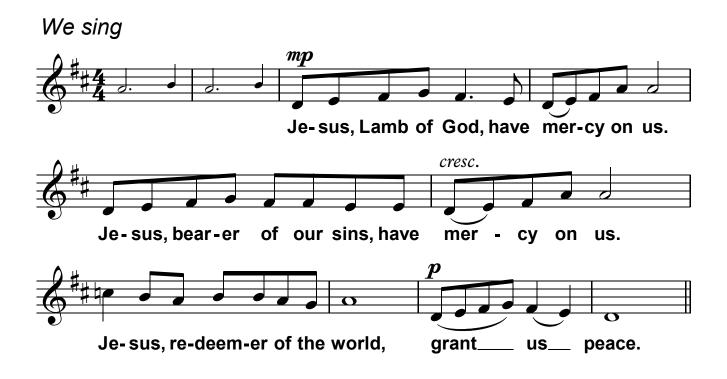
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

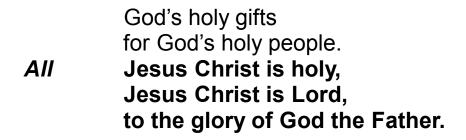
Breaking the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of ChristÈ

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



Giving of Communion



You are invited to come to one of the altars to receive communion. If you receive communion in another Christian church you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing instead please bring this booklet with you.

During the distribution, an anthem may be sung.

Hymn

We pray for the newly baptised and their families, those who are ill and their carers, those who have died recently after which we all say:

 All 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

The Dismissal

Hymn

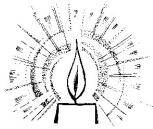
Please turn to face the west end of the church as the procession moves there. The baptism families join the procession to receive the lighted candle.

The giving of a Lighted Candle

The minister gives each of the newly baptised 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.

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



The 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 upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the Hall for refreshments

