



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
KENSINGTON

# Sung Eucharist

Holy Baptism

Welcome to St Mary Abbots; we are delighted that you are worshipping with us today as we celebrate this Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, rejoice with those beginning their journey in faith and welcome new Christians into the family of God's Church.

### ***Pastoral Introduction***

*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.*

*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]*

Common Worship: Christian Initiation 2006



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*Stand when the sacristy bell is rung, to sing the*

## Introit Hymn

### The Greeting

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **and also with you.**

*The priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

### Prayer of Preparation

*All* **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us  
from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

*Kneel or sit in penitence*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,  
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve  
you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

# The 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.

All **Amen.**

Stand for

## Gloria in Excelsis

*f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, hea - v'nly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
*mp*  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on  
*cresc.*  
us, have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: —  
*mf* *rall.* *f* *a tempo*  
— re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, — with the Ho - ly  
*rall.*  
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

*Remain standing for*

## The Collect

Heavenly Father,  
By the power of your Holy Spirit  
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
That we who are born again may serve you in faith and love  
And grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
Now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Sit for*

## First Reading

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*A Gradual Hymn or Psalm may be sung.*

## Gospel Reading

*Before the Gospel this acclamation is used.*

*(Sung twice – cantor first, congregation second.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the acclamation 'Alleluia, alleluia'. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also in G major and 6/8 time, with a treble clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

*All sing* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

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.**

*And at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*All sing* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Sit for the*

**Sermon**

**Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism**

*The candidates, parents and godparents are invited to stand before the congregation.  
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?

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

*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 parents, godparents and candidates answering for themselves*

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, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

*All* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Prayer over the Water

*The priest and those to be baptised gather at the font.*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

*All* **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **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 baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this holy water

that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed on 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*All* **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?

*All* **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

*The priest pours water on each candidate and says:*

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.**

## The Welcome

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.**

*Stand for*

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
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 exchange a sign of peace.*

*We sing the*

## Offertory Hymn

*or the choir sings an Offertory Motet as the altar is prepared.*

*Stand for*

## 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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
 at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
 holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
 because by water and the Holy Spirit  
 you have made us a holy people  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
 you raise us to new life in him  
 and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
 and with all the company of heaven,  
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
 for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and\_ *f*

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - *ff*

san - na in the\_ high - est. Bless - ed is he\_ who comes in the name of the *mf*

Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the\_ high - est. *f* *ff* *rall.*

*Kneel or sit*

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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:

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

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest 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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be said or sung*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin, the  
sin of the world: have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin, the sin of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace, grant us your 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.

*Any who normally do so are welcome to receive communion at the altar and all others to receive a blessing. During the Distribution, a Communion motet may be sung.*

**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.**

## The Notices

*Stand to sing the*  
Final Hymn

## 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 among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Giving of 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 Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

While worship lies at the heart of the church, much of our work is focused on serving our community, maintaining our historic buildings and implementing our Mission Action Plan of Welcome, Discipleship and Outreach. We are grateful for any donation that you can make towards the work and the upkeep of this church.

