



**ALL TOGETHER
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

with Holy Baptism

**St Peter & St Paul's Church
FLITWICK**

WELCOME FROM ST PETER & ST PAUL'S

We are delighted you have joined us this morning; whether you are simply visiting us, here for the first time or come every single week.

At St Peter and St Paul's we seek to enable the whole of the family of God – all people of all ages - to come together and worship as one. As Psalm 139 states, we are each 'fearfully and wonderfully made', all made in Gods image, differently. As such, we worship together today in ways that embrace and allow for those differences.

We believe in creating a way for us to encounter God together, whether we are an excitable toddler, exploring faith, over 75, struggling in life, a teenager growing up too fast, whether you can sing like Pavarotti or have been here since forever ago!

We have some creative ways to worship in our 'All Together Service' that you are invited to join us in. In the service you may be invited to participate in action songs, creative praying, discussion, or craft activities. You may be invited to sit in quiet and stillness or invited to watch our slightly louder puppets sing. All of these you are invited to participate in, but please know that you are welcome to come and simply 'be' instead.

If there is anything you need during or after the service, please ask the people who welcomed you or one of our ministry team.

'There is one God and Father of all. He is over everything. He is through everything. He is in everything.

Ephesians 4: 6 (NIRV)

Today we encounter the joy of Baptism into the Church...

When someone chooses baptism, either for themselves or their child, they are welcomed into the family of the Church.

Baptism marks the start of a lifetime of discovery about the Christian faith and how life-changing that can be. It is the first step on an amazing journey with God which is a journey full of surprises, challenges, and adventure.

Through it all, God is always with us.



If you would like to find out more about being baptised,
please speak to one of our ministers.

WELCOME, NOTICES & GREETING

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

CELEBRATING TOGETHER - *Sharing our good news*

HYMN / SONG

SETTING THE SCENE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION - *We say sorry to God*

When we have not served you as we should.

Father, forgive us

All Save us and help us



When we have not trusted you with our whole heart.

Father, forgive us

All Save us and help us

When our prayers are less than frequent.

Father, forgive us

All Save us and help us

When our love has been less than bright in the world.

Father, forgive us

All Save us and help us

ABSOLUTION - *We are forgiven*

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in
Christ our Lord

All **Amen**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

BIBLE READING - *We hear our reading from the bible*

At the end, these words may be used:

This is the Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**



HYMN / SONG

TALK – *We explore the theme of the bible reading*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES TO BE BAPTISED.



The minister addresses the whole congregation:

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for (..N..) who has come to be baptised today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

So, I ask you all:

Will you support (..N..) 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 minister asks those for baptism are able to answer for themselves:

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do

The minister addresses the parents, godparents and sponsors

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

Parents and godparents, you speak for (..N..) today.

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

We will.

THE DECISION

The minister addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and sponsors.

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 minister makes the sign of the cross with holy oils on the forehead of each candidate, saying:

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

When the candidates have been signed, the minister says:

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the congregation

Let us affirm, together with those 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.

AT THE FONT

The minister invites the candidates, their parents, godparents and sponsors to gather at the font.

The water is poured into the font and the minister says:

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

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.

All Amen.



BAPTISM

The minister pours water on each candidate, saying:

N, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All 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 COMMISSION

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for (..N..)
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes 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

THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
(..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.

HYMN - a hymn may be sung here

PRAYERS



THE PEACE – We offer peace to one another

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives with them.



The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – *Jesus asks us to remember Him*

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us



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.

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

You give us happy times
and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.

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

**All 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.
Do this to remember me.'

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.

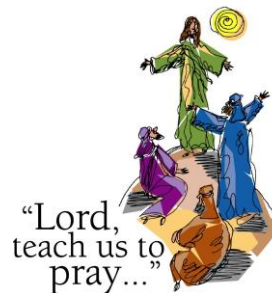
Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER – *We say the prayer Jesus taught his friends*

**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 Christ.

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

GIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION – We share in bread and wine together

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Receiving Communion or a Blessing

*If you receive communion in this or any other church,
please do come and share with us today.*

*If you would like a blessing instead,
please leave your hands by your side at the altar rail.*

*You are welcome to stand or kneel,
whichever is most comfortable for you.*

Our welcomer will indicate when it is best for you to come forward.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen

FINAL HYMN / SONG

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE – *for those baptized*

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.



BLESSING

May God who has brought you to new life in Christ,
fill your hearts and homes with his Spirit of never-ending love
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and upon all whom you love,
this day and always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL – We are sent out into God's world

Go in the light and peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God

We would love to meet you.

Please join us in the hall after the service.

There is great coffee, tea and warm conversation (often cake too!)



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