

All are welcome to receive Communion - please follow the directions of the sidespeople. If you do not usually receive Communion in your own Church, you are welcome to receive a Blessing. To indicate this, please bring this booklet with you. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Hymn(s) and an Anthem may be sung whilst Communion is administered. (seated)

All remain seated to say

The Prayer after Communion

**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 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.
Amen.

All stand to sing

The Final Hymn

Giving of a Lighted Candle

N, receive this light.
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.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
♪ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

THE PARISH EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome as we give thanks to God for the new life with have in him through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith and confidence we come before the God of love in assurance of his forgiveness and ask for his blessing on our lives. Today, in particular, we welcome a new member into the Household of Faith through Baptism.

We hope you will be able to join in with the Hymns and everything that is in **bold** type. Hymn numbers are shown on the Boards and in the Newsletter.

The posture directions in this Order of Service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer.

A Collection is received during the Service. UK tax payers are asked to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of your giving.

Children are welcome to stay in church for the whole Service but, should you need it, there is a Children's Room next to the church entrance. Our Junior Church (ages 3 -11) meets every Sunday morning during the Service (except on the 1st Sunday of the month when we have an All Age Eucharist) for fun, stories, and craft in the Hall. Children are invited to go to Junior Church after the Notices and return in time for Communion. Children of secondary school age leave for "Youth Meets" after the Gospel, also returning at the Peace.

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All sit or kneel to say

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us,
so we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

**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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

or:

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 Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All sing

Agnus Dei

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of *[N and]* all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

♪ **Amen**

*A period of quiet prayer precedes the service as the organ is played.
All stand as the ministers enter.*

A Hymn is sung.

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Introduction

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.
Mindful of our sins, let us confess them to God our Father.

**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.**

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.
Amen.

All stand to give praise to God as we sing

The Gloria

♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.** (* Repeated as a refrain)
**Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. ***
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. ***
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. ***
[Amen.]

The Collect

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to 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 for ever.
Amen.

The Notices

Please sit for the Parish Notices, Banns of Marriage, and any other announcements.

All stand to sing

The Offertory Hymn

during which the bread and wine are brought to the Altar table and a Collection for the work of the Church is received.

The Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

All remain standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

♪ **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

These or similar words are said or sung:

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 *saying*:

♪ **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.**

The Baptism

N, is this your faith?

This is my faith.

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

N, 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. **Amen.**



The Welcome

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

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

The baptismal party return to their seats whilst the organ improvises.

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

All stand. The President introduces the Peace with these or similar words:

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised 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.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, most commonly a handshake.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit for the

Bible Readings

At the end of each reading we say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

The Gospel

All turn to where the Gospel is proclaimed.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

All remain seated for

The Presentation of the Candidates

The minister 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*

and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses any adults to be baptised

N, do you wish to be baptised?

I do.

The minister addresses 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?

P&GP **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?

P&GP With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

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?

P&GP I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P&GP I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

P&GP I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

P&GP I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

P&GP I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth, and the life?

P&GP I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The minister signs each candidate with the Oil of Catechumens (consecrated oil).

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

The parents and godparents may anoint each candidate.

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 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. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

The Hymn to the Font

*during which the baptismal party makes its way to the Font and Junior Church returns. Please
turn to face the Font and ensure children can see.*

The Prayer over the Water

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in 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. **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters in Christ: I ask you to profess together with those to be
baptised, 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?

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?

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 all the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

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