

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD

Hymn - Walk in the Light

Blessing

The holy Trinity,
In whose name we were baptised, preserve us,
Members of Christ,
Children of God,
Inheritors of the kingdom of heaven,
Saved by the waters,
And filled with the Spirit.

All Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Service of Renewal
Of
Baptism Promises

For all the Church Family

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn - Bind us Together, Lord

Opening Prayer

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you
in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Silence is kept and the collect, the prayer for the day, is said.

Praise

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ.

Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth.

Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.

Bring love and joy to all who are alone.

Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living.

In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us.

Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.

Father of all

hear your children's prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

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.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith,
That we may be rooted and grounded in love
And bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

Hymn— Water of Life

the congregation is sprinkled with water from the font

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God, our heavenly Father.
Father of all
hear your children's prayer.

Lord,
your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
Father of all
hear your children's prayer.

Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn - There is a Redeemer

Homily

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Now that we have been put right with God through faith,
**we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

He has brought us by faith into the grace of God.
We rejoice in the hope of sharing God's glory.

This hope does not deceive us:
**God has poured his love into our hearts
by the gift of his Spirit.**

Father, for your gift of water in creation
we give you thanks and praise.

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life
we give you thanks and praise.

For your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the river Jordan
we give you thanks and praise.

For your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit
we give you thanks and praise.

For your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins
we give you thanks and praise.

A CORPORATE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM PROMISES

The President blesses the water in the font & says

So, Father, accept our sacrifice of praise;
by the power of your life-giving Spirit
bless these waters of your new creation.

Lord, receive our prayer.

May your servants who are washed in them
be made one with your Son,
who took the form of a servant.

Lord, receive our prayer.

May your Holy Spirit,
who has brought us to new birth in the family of your Church,
raise us in Christ, our anointed Lord,
to full and eternal life.

Lord, receive our prayer.

For all might, majesty and dominion are yours, now and for
ever.

Alleluia. Amen.

The Minister says

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?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

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

All I repent of them

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

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

All I come to Christ.

The President says

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you the strength to continue in the way.

The 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 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 into hell.
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.**