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¶ Authorization

This President's edition of *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England* comprises

- ¶ texts from *The Book of Common Prayer*;
- ¶ alternative services and other material authorized for use until further resolution of the General Synod;
- ¶ material commended by the House of Bishops; and
- ¶ material, the use of which falls within the discretion allowed to the minister under Canon B 5.

For details, see page 00.

Canon B 3 provides that decisions as to which of the authorized services are to be used (other than occasional offices) shall be taken jointly by the incumbent and the parochial church council. In the case of occasional offices (other than Confirmation and Ordination), the decision is to be made by the minister conducting the service, subject to the right of any of the persons concerned to object beforehand to the form of service proposed.

Introduction

This volume offers a convenient arrangement of all the material required by the president for the celebration of Holy Communion and for the administration of Holy Baptism. Much that is included in the main volume, *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, is therefore not to be found here. On the other hand, this volume does contain a considerable amount of material which is not included in the main volume because of that volume's focus on Sunday worship. The eucharistic Prefaces for use when pastoral offices (Marriages, Funerals and services of Wholeness and Healing) are celebrated within the Holy Communion are provided, as are the Collects and Post Communions for Lesser Festivals and Special Occasions. The opportunity has also been taken to include a fuller range of Proper Prefaces and seasonal Blessings, commended by the House of Bishops.

The eucharistic material is arranged somewhat differently from that in the main volume. At the centre, located where the book will remain open and lie flat most easily, are the orders of service for Holy Communion. The Collects and Post Communions (including those for Lesser Festivals, Commons of the Saints and Special Occasions which are not in the main volume) are placed before the services. The other variable texts follow the services. In this President's edition these include some texts (for example, forms of the Creed) which are separated from the services of Holy Communion in the main volume and also a number of texts commended by the House of Bishops (for example, Proper Prefaces and Blessings) which only need to be available to the president. These texts appear in an order which it is hoped will be found both logical and convenient – that in which they are required as the service progresses. These variable texts are thus available to the president with a minimum of page turning within the volume. For those who prefer the order and contents as they appear in the main volume of *Common Worship*, the desk edition provides a simple enlargement of that volume.

Musical settings of the Eucharistic Prayers are also included. All of the Eucharistic Prayers can, of course, be sung to contemporary settings as well as to the traditional tones. However, to set the prayers with which short or extended Proper Prefaces can be

used to contemporary as well as traditional settings would have necessitated setting all of the Proper Prefaces more than once, and that would have resulted in a disproportionate amount of music in the volume. Those prayers with which short or extended Proper Prefaces can be used (Prayers A, B, C and E and the Order Two Preface) have therefore been set only to the traditional Sarum tones. Three of the others (Prayers D, F and G) have been given contemporary settings in different styles which give an indication of the range of what is possible. Further settings are published by the Royal School of Church Music. In the case of Prayers A, C and E, only the opening dialogue, preface and concluding doxology have been set, as is customary. The Eucharistic Prayer is, of course, a unity, and there will be some who, wishing to stress this and the joyful, celebratory nature of the thanksgiving, will wish to sing the whole prayer from the opening dialogue through to the concluding doxology. The setting of Prayer B indicates how this may be done using the traditional tones, while the contemporary settings are all settings of the prayer as a whole.

Some parts of *Common Worship* are yet to be published and some of the future provisions (particularly the volume of seasonal texts) will include further presidential material. The current volume, however, is offered as a useful resource to help those who preside at the liturgy to do so with convenient ease and appropriate dignity.

Pagination

In this volume, on pages which also appear in the main volume, *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, page numbers from that volume are given in **bold**.

¶ The Declaration of Assent

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment (Canon C 15). Readers and Lay Workers make the declaration, without the words 'and administration of the sacraments', when they are admitted and when they are licensed (Canons E 5, E 6 and E 8).

Preface

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

Declaration of Assent

I, A B, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Calendar

For Rules to Order the Christian Year, see pages 525–534 of Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England.

In the printing of the Calendar, Principal Feasts and other Principal Holy Days are printed in **bold**; Festivals are printed in **roman** typeface; other Sundays and Lesser Festivals are printed in ordinary roman typeface, in black. Commemorations are printed in *italics*.

Advent

The First Sunday of Advent
The Second Sunday of Advent
The Third Sunday of Advent
From 17 December (O Sapientia)
begin the eight days of prayer before Christmas Day
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve

Christmas

Christmas Day – 25 December
The First Sunday of Christmas
The Second Sunday of Christmas

The days after Christmas Day until the Epiphany traditionally form a unity of days of special thanksgiving.

Epiphany

The Epiphany – 6 January
The Baptism of Christ – *The First Sunday of Epiphany*
The Second Sunday of Epiphany
The Third Sunday of Epiphany
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
– 2 February

Ordinary Time

This begins on the day following the Presentation
The Fifth Sunday before Lent
The Fourth Sunday before Lent
The Third Sunday before Lent
The Second Sunday before Lent
The Sunday next before Lent

Lent

Ash Wednesday
The First Sunday of Lent
The Second Sunday of Lent
The Third Sunday of Lent
The Fourth Sunday of Lent – *Mothering Sunday*
The Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Passiontide begins*)
Palm Sunday
Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday of Holy Week
Maunder Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Eve

Easter

Easter Day
Monday of Easter Week
Tuesday of Easter Week
Wednesday of Easter Week
Thursday of Easter Week
Friday of Easter Week
Saturday of Easter Week
The Second Sunday of Easter
The Third Sunday of Easter
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Ascension Day
From Friday after Ascension Day
begin the nine days of prayer before Pentecost
The Seventh Sunday of Easter – *Sunday after Ascension Day*
Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Ordinary Time

This is resumed on the Monday following the Day of Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as

*The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion
(Corpus Christi)*

The First Sunday after Trinity
The Second Sunday after Trinity
The Third Sunday after Trinity
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
The Last Sunday after Trinity

Dedication Festival – *The First Sunday in October or The Last Sunday
after Trinity, if date unknown*

All Saints' Day – *1 November*

*The Sunday between 30 October and 5 November
may be kept as All Saints' Sunday or as:*

The Fourth Sunday before Advent
The Third Sunday before Advent
The Second Sunday before Advent

Christ the King – *The Sunday next before Advent*

¶ Holy Days

For the key to the typography, see page 1.

January

1 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

**2 Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops,
Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389**

2 Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833

2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945

6 The Epiphany

10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

11 Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915

12 Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

12 Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689

13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367

13 Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603

13 George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

17 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

20 Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349

21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304

22 Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304

24 Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

25 The Conversion of Paul

26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

30 Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

31 John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

February

- 1 *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525*
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
- 3 **Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg,
Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865**
- 4 *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*
- 6 *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*
- 10 *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543*
- 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885**
- 14 *Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269*
- 15 *Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045*
- 15 *Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730*
- 17 **Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977**
- 23 **Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155**
- 27 **George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633**

Alternative dates

Matthias may be celebrated on 24 February instead of 14 May.

March

- 1 **David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601**
- 2 **Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672**
- 7 **Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203**
- 8 **Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910**
- 8 *Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647*
- 8 *Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929*
- 17 **Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460**
- 18 *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*
- 19 Joseph of Nazareth**
- 20 **Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687**
- 21 **Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Reformation Martyr, 1556**
- 24 *Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396*
- 24 *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980*
- 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 26 *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883*
- 31 *John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*

Alternative dates

Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.

Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March.

April

- 1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872*
- 9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945*
- 10 **William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761**
- 10 *William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347*
- 11 *George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878*
- 16 *Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923*
- 19 **Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012**
- 21 **Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109**
- 23 **George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304**
- 24 *Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624*
- 25 **Mark the Evangelist**
- 27 *Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*
- 28 *Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841*
- 29 **Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380**
- 30 *Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*

May

- 1 **Philip and James, Apostles**
- 2 **Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373**
- 4 **English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**
- 8 **Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417**
- 14 **Matthias the Apostle**
- 16 *Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877*
- 19 **Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988**
- 20 **Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804**
- 21 *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330*
- 24 **John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788**
- 25 **The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735**
- 25 *Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709*
- 26 **Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605**
- 26 *John Calvin, Reformer, 1564*
- 26 *Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595*
- 28 *Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*
- 30 **Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906**
- 30 *Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431*
- 30 *Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933*
- 31 **The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

Alternative dates

Matthias may be celebrated on 24 February instead of 14 May.

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

June

- 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165
- 3 *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 and 1978*
- 4 *Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century*
- 5 **Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754**
- 6 *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945*
- 8 **Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711**
- 9 **Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597**
- 9 *Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373*
- 11 **Barnabas the Apostle**
- 14 *Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691*
- 15 *Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941*
- 16 **Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253**
- 16 *Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752*
- 17 *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936*
- 18 *Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896*
- 19 *Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929*
- 22 **Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250**
- 23 **Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678**
- 24 **The Birth of John the Baptist**
- 27 *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444*
- 28 **Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200**
- 29 **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Alternative dates

Peter the Apostle may be celebrated alone, without Paul, on 29 June.

July

- 1 *Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873*
- 3 **Thomas the Apostle**
- 6 *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535*
- 11 **Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550**
- 14 **John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866**
- 15 **Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862**
- 15 *Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*
- 16 *Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099*
- 18 *Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883*
- 19 **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379**
- 20 *Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century*
- 20 *Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566*
- 22 **Mary Magdalene**
- 23 *Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373*
- 25 **James the Apostle**
- 26 **Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 27 *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901*
- 29 **Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord**
- 30 **William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833**
- 31 *Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556*

Alternative dates

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

Thomas the Apostle may be celebrated on 21 December instead of 3 July.

Thomas Becket may be celebrated on 7 July instead of 29 December.

August

- 4 *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859*
5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642
6 **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**
7 *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866*
8 Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221
9 Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921
10 Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258
11 Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253
11 *John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890*
13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor,
Teacher of the Faith, 1667
13 *Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910*
13 *Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912*
14 *Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941*
15 **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153
20 *William and Catherine Booth,*
Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890
24 **Bartholomew the Apostle**
27 Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430
29 The Beheading of John the Baptist
30 John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688
31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Alternative dates

The Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated on 8 September instead of 15 August.

September

- 1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*
2 *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*
3 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604
4 *Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650*
6 *Allen Gardiner, Missionary,*
Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851
8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*
13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople,
Teacher of the Faith, 407
14 **Holy Cross Day**
15 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
16 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432
16 *Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882*
17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*
20 John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia,
and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871
21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626
25 *Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392*
26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*
27 Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission
(Lazarists), 1660
29 **Michael and All Angels**
30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*

Alternative dates

Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March.

October

- 1 *Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533*
1 *Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885*
4 **Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226**
6 **William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536**
9 *Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250*
9 *Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253*
10 **Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644**
10 *Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674*
11 *Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675*
11 *James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century*
12 **Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709**
12 *Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845*
12 *Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915*
13 **Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066**
15 **Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582**
16 *Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555*
17 **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107**
18 **Luke the Evangelist**
19 **Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812**
25 *Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287*
26 **Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899**
26 *Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664*
28 **Simon and Jude, Apostles**
29 **James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885**
31 *Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546*

Alternative dates

Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.

November

- 1 **All Saints' Day**
2 **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**
3 **Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600**
3 *Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639*
6 *Leonard, Hermit, 6th century*
6 *William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944*
7 **Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739**
8 **The Saints and Martyrs of England**
9 *Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440*
10 **Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461**
11 **Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397**
13 **Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836**
14 *Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796*
16 **Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093**
16 *Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240*
17 **Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200**
18 **Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231**
19 **Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680**
19 *Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280*
20 **Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870**
20 *Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876*
22 *Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230*
23 **Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100**
25 *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century*
25 *Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748*
29 **Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church**
30 **Andrew the Apostle**

December

- 1 *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*
 3 *Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*
 4 *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749*
 4 *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*
 6 **Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326**
 7 **Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397**
 8 **The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 13 **Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304**
 13 *Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784*
 14 **John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591**
 17 ***O Sapientia***
 17 *Eglantine Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928*
 24 **Christmas Eve**
 25 **Christmas Day**
 26 **Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**
 27 **John, Apostle and Evangelist**
 28 **The Holy Innocents**
 29 **Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170**
 31 *John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384*

Alternative dates

Thomas the Apostle may be celebrated on 21 December instead of 3 July.

Thomas Becket may be celebrated on 7 July instead of 29 December.

The Date of Easter and Other Variable Dates

For the lectionary years, see page 18.

Year	Ash Wednesday	Easter Day	Ascension Day	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	First Sunday of Advent
2001	28 February	15 April	24 May	3 June	2 December
2002	13 February	31 March	9 May	19 May	1 December
2003	5 March	20 April	29 May	8 June	30 November
2004	25 February	11 April	20 May	30 May	28 November
2005	9 February	27 March	5 May	15 May	27 November
2006	1 March	16 April	25 May	4 June	3 December
2007	21 February	8 April	17 May	27 May	2 December
2008	6 February	23 March	1 May	11 May	30 November
2009	25 February	12 April	21 May	31 May	29 November
2010	17 February	4 April	13 May	23 May	28 November
2011	9 March	24 April	2 June	12 June	27 November
2012	22 February	8 April	17 May	27 May	2 December
2013	13 February	31 March	9 May	19 May	1 December
2014	5 March	20 April	29 May	8 June	30 November
2015	18 February	5 April	14 May	24 May	29 November
2016	10 February	27 March	5 May	15 May	27 November
2017	1 March	16 April	25 May	4 June	3 December
2018	14 February	1 April	10 May	20 May	2 December
2019	6 March	21 April	30 May	9 June	1 December
2020	26 February	12 April	21 May	31 May	29 November
2021	17 February	4 April	13 May	23 May	28 November
2022	2 March	17 April	26 May	5 June	27 November
2023	22 February	9 April	18 May	28 May	3 December
2024	14 February	31 March	9 May	19 May	1 December
2025	5 March	20 April	29 May	8 June	30 November
2026	18 February	5 April	14 May	24 May	29 November
2027	10 February	28 March	6 May	16 May	28 November
2028	1 March	16 April	25 May	4 June	3 December
2029	14 February	1 April	10 May	20 May	2 December
2030	6 March	21 April	30 May	9 June	1 December

The Lectionary Years

Church Year (Advent to Advent)	Sunday Lectionary Year	Weekday Lectionary Year
2000 / 2001	C	1
2001 / 2002	A	2
2002 / 2003	B	1
2003 / 2004	C	2
2004 / 2005	A	1
2005 / 2006	B	2
2006 / 2007	C	1
2007 / 2008	A	2
2008 / 2009	B	1
2009 / 2010	C	2
2010 / 2011	A	1
2011 / 2012	B	2
2012 / 2013	C	1
2013 / 2014	A	2
2014 / 2015	B	1
2015 / 2016	C	2
2016 / 2017	A	1
2017 / 2018	B	2
2018 / 2019	C	1
2019 / 2020	A	2
2020 / 2021	B	1
2021 / 2022	C	2
2022 / 2023	A	1
2023 / 2024	B	2
2024 / 2025	C	1
2025 / 2026	A	2
2026 / 2027	B	1
2027 / 2028	C	2
2028 / 2029	A	1
2029 / 2030	B	2

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Pastoral Introduction

This may be read by those present before the service begins.

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.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit, as Jesus was at his baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

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

Holy Baptism within a Celebration of Holy Communion

Structure

¶ Preparation

The Greeting

Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child

Introduction *

† *Presentation of the Candidates*

The Collect *

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings and Psalm

Gospel Reading

Sermon

¶ The Liturgy of Baptism

† Presentation of the Candidates

The Decision

Signing with the Cross

Prayer over the Water *

Profession of Faith *

Baptism

Commission

† Prayers of Intercession *

The Welcome and Peace *

† *Prayers of Intercession* *

¶ The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion *

¶ The Sending Out

The Blessing *

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Dismissal

† *indicates alternative position allowed and shown indented in italics*

* *indicates alternative texts are provided*

For more detail, see page 66.

Holy Baptism apart from a Celebration of Holy Communion

Structure

¶ Preparation

The Greeting
Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child
Introduction *
† *Presentation of the Candidates*
The Collect *

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings and Psalm
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The Lord's Prayer

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Giving of a Lighted Candle
The Dismissal

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For more detail, see page 68.

Holy Baptism

¶ Preparation

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.

The Greeting

The president says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

The president may use the prayer of thanksgiving (page 50).

Introduction

The president may use these or other words

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.

The Gloria in excelsis may be used.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray
or a more specific bidding.

*The Collect of the Day, one of the seasonal Collects (pages 53–61)
or this Collect is said*

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.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

*The readings of the day are normally used on Sundays and Principal
Festivals. For a table of readings, see page 51.*

*Either one or two readings from Scripture may precede the Gospel
reading.*

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*The psalm or canticle follows the first reading; other hymns and songs
may be used between the readings.*

Gospel Reading

An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates may be presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they may be presented by their godparents or sponsors.

The president asks those candidates for baptism who are able to answer for themselves

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Testimony by the candidate(s) may follow.

The president 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.

At the baptism of children, the president 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

A large candle may be lit. The president addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and sponsors

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.

Where there are strong pastoral reasons, the alternative form of the Decision (page 48) may be used.

Signing with the Cross

The president or another minister 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.

The president may invite parents, godparents and sponsors to sign the candidates with the cross. When all the candidates have been signed, the president says

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 ministers and candidates gather at the baptismal font.
A canticle, psalm, hymn or litany may be used (see page 46).*

*The president stands before the water of baptism and says
(optional seasonal and responsive forms are provided on
pages 42–45)*

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 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.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* 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 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.

Where there are strong pastoral reasons the Alternative Profession of Faith (page 49) may be used.

Baptism

If the candidate(s) can answer for themselves, the president may say to each one

N, is this your faith?

Each candidate answers in their own words, or

This is my faith.

The president or another minister dips each candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying

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

All Amen.

If the newly baptized are clothed with a white robe, a hymn or song may be used, and then a minister may say

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

If those who have been baptized were not signed with the cross immediately after the Decision, the president signs each one now.

The president 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 president and those who have been baptized may return from the font.

Commission

Either *Where the newly baptized are unable to answer for themselves, a minister addresses the congregation, parents and godparents, using these or similar words*

We have brought *these children* to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for *them* and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ *they* will know the forgiveness of *their* sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As *they* grow up, *they* will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that *they* may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve *their* neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support *them* by prayer, example and teaching. As *their* parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping *them* in *their* early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding *these children* in the way of faith.

One or more of the following prayers may be used

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for *these children*
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home 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.

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

These words may be added

N and N,
today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you
in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life,
and to bring you safely to heaven.
In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.
Together with all God's people
you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people,
and in serving others.
With us you will listen to the word of God
and receive the gifts of God.

or *To the newly baptized who are able to answer for themselves, a minister may say*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?
With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your heart(s) through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Either here or after the Welcome and Peace, intercessions may be led by the president or others. These or other suitable words may be used (see pages 52–61). The intercession may conclude with a Collect.

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
heal and restore your creation.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N and 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.**

The congregation may greet the newly baptized.

*The president introduces the Peace in these or other suitable words
(see pages 53, 56, 59–60)*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

A minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

If the Liturgy of the Eucharist does not follow immediately, the service continues with suitable prayers, ending with the Lord's Prayer and the Sending Out (page 39).

¶ The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Order for Celebration of Holy Communion continues with

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Eucharistic Prayer

*This short Proper Preface may be used
(for a traditional language version see page 52)*

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

*The authorized Post Communion of the day,
or a seasonal form, or the following is used*

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Sending Out

The Blessing

*The president may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing,
or*

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.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The president or another person may give each of the newly baptized
a lighted candle. These may be lit from the candle used at the Decision.*

When all the newly baptized have received a candle, the president says

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.**

*From Easter Day to Pentecost Alleluia, alleluia may be added to both
the versicle and the response.*

Supplementary Texts

¶ Responsive Form of the Prayer over the Water

*The refrain **Lord of life, renew your creation** may be said or sung by all.*

*The first phrase **Lord of life** (italicized) may be said or sung by a deacon or other minister.*

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
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.

All **Lord of life,
renew your creation.**

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.

All **Lord of life,
renew your creation.**

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.

All **Lord of life,
renew your creation.**

¶ Seasonal Prayers over the Water

The headings (Epiphany/Baptism of Christ/Trinity, Easter/Pentecost and All Saints) indicate the seasonal emphases of the material. However, these texts may be used on any occasion to meet pastoral circumstances.

Epiphany/Baptism of Christ/Trinity

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All **Alleluia. Amen.**

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

Father, accept our sacrifice of praise;
 may your holy and life-giving Spirit
 move upon these waters.
All **Lord, receive our prayer.**

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
 and bring those who are baptized
 to new birth in the family of your Church.
All **Lord, receive our prayer.**

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
 anoint your children with power from on high,
 and make them one with Christ
 in the freedom of your kingdom.
All **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
 now and for ever.
All **Alleluia. Amen.**

*The bracketed refrain **Saving God, give us life** is optional. If it is used, it may be said or sung by all.*

*The first phrase **Saving God** (italicized) may be said or sung by a deacon or other minister.*

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.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
 was baptized in the river Jordan,
 we thank you for the gift of water
 to cleanse us and revive us.

All **[*Saving God,*
 give us life.]**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
 you led your people out of slavery
 to freedom in the Promised Land.

All **[*Saving God,*
 give us life.]**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
 you brought your Son,
 and raised him to life in triumph.

All **[*Saving God,*
 give us life.]**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
 may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
 to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

All **[*Saving God,*
 give us life.]**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
 bring them to new birth in the household of faith
 and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
 for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

All **[*Saving God,*
 give us life.]**

All Saints

*The bracketed refrain **Hope of the saints**, make known your glory is optional. If it is used, it may be said or sung.*

*The first phrase **Hope of the saints** (italicized) may be said or sung by a deacon or other minister.*

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of the heavens,
we bless your name for all your servants
who have been a sign of your grace through the ages.

All [**Hope of the saints,**
make known your glory.]

You delivered Noah from the waters of destruction;
you divided the waters of the sea,
and by the hand of Moses
you led your people from slavery
into the Promised Land.

All [**Hope of the saints,**
make known your glory.]

You made a new covenant in the blood of your Son,
that all who confess his name
may, by the Holy Spirit,
enter the covenant of grace,
receive a pledge of the kingdom of heaven,
and share in the divine nature.

All [**Hope of the saints,**
make known your glory.]

Fill these waters, we pray, with the power of that same Spirit,
that all who enter them may be reborn
and rise from the grave
to new life in Christ.

All [**Hope of the saints,**
make known your glory.]

As the apostles and prophets, the confessors and martyrs,
faithfully served you in their generation,
may we be built into an eternal dwelling for you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

All [**Hope of the saints,**
make known your glory.]

¶ **A Litany of the Resurrection**
which may be used in Procession to the Baptismal Font

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:
All and his mercy endures for ever.

He has loved us from all eternity:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And remembered us when we were in trouble:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

By his cross and passion he has redeemed the world:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

On the third day he rose again:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And has given us the victory:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

He ascended into heaven:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

And ever lives to make intercession for us:
All for his mercy endures for ever.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

For the gift of his Spirit:
All blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:
All blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:
All blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:
All blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:
All blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:
All blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:
All blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:
All blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:
All blessed be Christ.

*This litany may be used in two parts, reserving the clauses following
the Gloria for a return procession from the place of baptism.*

¶ An Alternative Form of the Decision

Where there are strong pastoral reasons, the following may be used in place of the Decision in the service of Holy Baptism.

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

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

¶ An Alternative Profession of Faith

Where there are strong pastoral reasons, the following may be used in place of the Profession of Faith in the service of Holy Baptism.

The president says

Let us affirm,
together with these who are 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.**

¶ Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child

This prayer may be used after the Greeting

We rejoice today with the *family* of N and N as they thank God for the gift of life and bring their *children* for baptism.

God our Creator,
we thank you for the wonder of new life
and for the mystery of human love.
We give thanks for all whose support and skill
surround and sustain the beginning of life.
As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family,
may *these children* grow in strength and wisdom.
As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood,
give *these parents* your sustaining grace and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The service continues with the Introduction and Collect.

¶ Bible Readings and Psalms at Holy Baptism

Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1 General			
Psalm 66.5-12	Isaiah 43.1-7	Romans 5.6-11	Mark 1.1-11(9-11)
Psalm 89.21, 22,25-9	Genesis 17.1-8 (or 22.15-18)	Galatians 3.27 – 4.7	John 15.1-11
Psalm 51.1-6	2 Kings 5.1-15a	Titus 3.3-7	John 3.1-8
Psalm 46.1-7	Genesis 7.1,7-16	1 Peter 3.18-22	Matthew 28.16-20
2 Epiphany / Baptism of Christ / Trinity			
Psalm 67	Exodus 33.12-20/ Isaiah 9.2,3,6,7	2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.6	John 1.14-18
Psalm 146.5-9	Isaiah 42.5-8	Acts 9.(1 or) 10-20	Luke 3.15-17,21,22
Psalm 50.1-6	Isaiah 63.15,16; 64.1-4	1 Corinthians 10.1-4	Mark 1.1-11
3 Easter/Pentecost			
Psalm 118.19-24	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Romans 6.3-11	Matthew 28.16-20
Psalm 51.6-13	Ezekiel 36.24-28	Titus 3.3-7	John 20.19-23
Psalm 46.1-7	Ezekiel 47.1-12	Revelation 22.1-5	John 7.37-39
4 All Saints			
Psalm 98.1-4	Exodus 19.3-8	Revelation 5.6-10	Matthew 28.16-20
Psalm 63.1-6	Isaiah 44.1-5	Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2	Matthew 5.1-12 or 16
Psalm 92.10-15	Hosea 14.4-8	1 Peter 2.4-10	John 15.1-11
5 Vigil or Post-Baptismal Liturgy			
Psalm 121	Genesis 28.10-17	Hebrews 10.(12-)19-23	Mark 10.(13-)17-27
Psalm 114	Exodus 3.(1-)7-15	Hebrews 11.24-29	Luke 9.(51-)57-62
6 Canticles in Procession to the Font			
Isaiah 12.2-6			
Psalm 42.1-7			
Deuteronomy 32.1-4			
A Litany of the Resurrection (page 46)			

¶ *Alternative Prayers of Intercession*

Seasonal alternatives are provided on pages 53–61.

The prayers may be led by the president or another minister.

We thank you that you have claimed for yourself
those who have been washed in the waters of rebirth.
Uphold them in this new life,
that they may ever remain steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope, and rooted in your love.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

Pour your blessing on all your people.
May our hearts ever praise you,
and find their perfect rest in you.
Grant us the freedom of your service
and peace in doing your will.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

The whole creation is filled with the light of your grace.
Dispel the darkness of our hearts, and forgive our sins
and negligences,
that we may come at last to the light of your glory.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

*If Holy Communion does not follow, the prayers end with
the Lord's Prayer.*

As your children, born again in Christ, we say:

All **Our Father ...**

¶ *Short Eucharistic Preface* (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
thou dost raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

¶ *Seasonal Provisions*

For seasonal Prayers over the Water, see pages 41–45.

*The headings (Epiphany/Baptism of Christ/Trinity, Easter/Pentecost and
All Saints) indicate the seasonal emphases of the material. However,
these texts may be used on any occasion to meet pastoral circumstances.*

Epiphany/Baptism of Christ/Trinity

Introduction

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.
The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove
and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.
Here is the door of faith,
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.
As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters,
and called to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Collect

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened heaven's gate and revealed yourself as Father
by the voice that called Jesus your beloved Son,
baptizing him, in the power of the Spirit:
reveal yourself to us now, to claim us as your children,
and so complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
in the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away; the new has come.

Prayers of Intercession

God of glory,
whose radiance shines from the face of Christ,
give your children such assurance of your mercy
and such knowledge of your grace,
that, believing all you promise,
and receiving all you give,
they may be transformed ever more closely
by your Spirit into the image of Jesus, your Son.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

God of light,
whose life shines beyond all things,
give us and all your Church
the will to follow Christ
and to bear his peace,
that the light of Christ
may bring confidence to the world,
and faithfulness to all who look to you in hope.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

God of power,
whose word gives life to heaven and earth,
pour your abundant gifts on all your creation,
that the blind may see, the fallen may be raised,
and your people find tongues to confess
your promises of a broken world made new.

Father of life,

All **make known your glory.**

*If Holy Communion does not follow, the prayers end with
the Lord's Prayer.*

In baptism God declares that we are his children,
whom he loves;
so let us pray:

All **Our Father ...**

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

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.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
thou dost raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

Post Communion

God of glory,
you inspire us with the breath of life
which brought to birth a new world in Christ.
May we who are reborn in him
be transformed by the renewal of our lives,
that the light of your new creation
may flood the world with your abundant grace;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

God, who in his Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Introduction

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.
As children of God, we are continually created anew,
as we walk the path of faith,
and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

The Collect

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from whose wounded side flowed life for the world:
raise your people from sin and death
and build them as living stones
into the spiritual temple of your Church;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said 'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

(or)

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Father, we thank you that by baptism
you have raised these your children with Christ
to new life in the Spirit.
Guide and protect them with your grace,
that they may follow you all their days
and grow in knowledge and love of you.

All Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

May Christ who conquered sin and death
keep his whole Church faithful to his gospel.
Help us always to hold fast to truth
and to walk in the way of life.

All Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations
to unite the world in peace and love.
By your healing power restore all that is broken
and unite us with you, our God and Father.

All Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

*If Holy Communion does not follow, the prayers end with
the Lord's Prayer.*

All Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we say:
Our Father ...

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

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.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
thou dost raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

Post Communion

Author of life divine,
in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us
the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth
rise to newness of life
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All Saints

Introduction

In baptism, God calls us to be his friends
and to make us holy in his Son Jesus Christ.
On this journey of faith we have no abiding city,
for we have the promise of the heavenly Jerusalem,
where the whole creation is brought to a new birth
in the Holy Spirit.

Here we are united in the company of all the faithful,
and we look for the coming of the eternal kingdom.
As children of God, we look through this passing age
for the signs of the dawn of everlasting glory.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have made us heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom,
and in the waters of baptism you have promised
a measure of grace overflowing to all eternity.
Take our sins and guilt away,
and so inflame us with the life of your Spirit
that we may know your favour and goodness towards us,
and walk in newness of life, both now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul, and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(or)

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

Prayers of Intercession

Heavenly Father,
receive into the arms of your mercy
all who have been baptized
and make them your own for ever;
that, having tasted of your goodness,
they may ever hunger for your continuing presence
in their walk of faith.

Your kingdom come.

All **Your will be done.**

Stir up within your Church the zeal that inspires
your saints in every generation.
Give us a due sense of your grace,
and the strength to do your will.
You measure us by our needs;
may we never measure you by our impatience.

Your kingdom come.

All **Your will be done.**

Surrounded by so great a company of witnesses,
may we honour your blessings
in all the ages that have gone before,
and live in joyful expectation
of your promises in the ages yet to come.

Your kingdom come.

All **Your will be done.**

*If Holy Communion does not follow, the prayers end with
the Lord's Prayer.*

Remember us Lord in your heavenly kingdom
as we your children unite our prayers with your Son:

All **Our Father ...**

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

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.

Short Preface (traditional language)

And now we give thee thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
thou dost raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

Post Communion

Lord, in the vision of your heavenly kingdom
you reveal among us the promise of your glory;
may that glory be ours
as we claim our citizenship in the kingdom
where you are alive and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
give you joy in their fellowship,
and strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Notes to Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism is normally administered by the parish priest in the course of public worship on Sunday 'when the most number of people come together' (Canon B 21).

1 Minister of Baptism

Where rubrics speak of 'the president', this indicates the parish priest or other minister authorized to administer Holy Baptism. When the bishop is present he normally presides over the whole service. Parts of the service not assigned to the president may be delegated to others.

2 Ordering of the Service

Pages 66–68 show how baptism is to be administered at Holy Communion, Morning or Evening Prayer, or A Service of the Word. The structure of the service, however, enables it to be used as a significant celebration on its own and there may be occasions where such a celebration of Holy Baptism forms a main Sunday act of worship.

3 Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child

This option (see page 50) may be used where it is appropriate to express thanksgiving for a child to be baptized later in the service; this may be inserted as part of the Preparation. This is not intended to preclude the use of a separate service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child.

4 Presentation of the Candidates

The Presentation may follow the Introduction where circumstances make this appropriate.

5 Collect, Readings and Other Variable Texts

The Collect and readings for the Sunday should normally be used, especially on Sundays between the First Sunday of Advent and the Feast of the Presentation of Christ, and between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. The Collects provided in the rite and its Supplementary Texts may, however, be substituted on Sundays between the Presentation of Christ and the beginning of Lent and between Trinity Sunday and the beginning of Advent even when the normal Sunday readings are used. The Collects and readings provided in the service or in its Supplementary Texts are for use on occasions when baptism is the predominant element in the service. The basic form of the service remains constant. Within this structure seasonal material may also be used (see pages 53–61). This is linked to occasions in the Christian year when its use might be particularly appropriate.

6 Godparents and Sponsors

The term 'godparent' is used for those asked to present children for baptism and to continue to support them. The term 'sponsor' is used for those who agree to support in the journey of faith candidates (of any age) for baptism, confirmation or affirmation of baptismal faith. It is not necessary that a candidate have the same person as godparent and sponsor. When children who are old enough to speak are baptized, such children, at the discretion of the parish priest, also answer the questions at the Decision with parents and godparents.

7 Hymns and Silence

If occasion requires, hymns may be sung and silence may be kept at points other than those which are indicated.

8 Corporate Responses

When members of a family are baptized at the same time, the questions at the Decision may be answered in the form 'We reject ...'.

9 Profession of Faith

The whole congregation joins in the Apostles' Creed at the Profession of Faith or makes the responses in the Alternative Profession of Faith (page 49).

10 Use of Oil

Where it has been agreed that oil will be used, pure olive oil, reflecting the practice of athletes preparing for a contest, may be used for the Signing with the Cross. Oil mixed with fragrant spices (traditionally called chrism), expressing the blessings of the messianic era and the richness of the Holy Spirit, may be used to accompany the prayer after the baptism. It is appropriate that the oil should have been consecrated by the bishop.

11 Signing with the Cross

At the Signing with the Cross, after the president or other minister has made the sign using the words provided, parents, godparents and sponsors may also be invited to make the sign of the cross. It is sufficient if the people join in and say their part once only, when all the candidates have been signed. The possibility of signing with the cross at the prayer after the baptism is provided for, but if this is done it should be accompanied by the text provided at that point in the rite, not the text provided for the Signing with the Cross after the Decision. If signing takes place after the baptism, it must follow the administration of water as a separate action.

12 Administration of Water

A threefold administration of water (whether by dipping or pouring) is a very ancient practice of the Church and is commended as testifying to the faith of the Trinity in which candidates are baptized. Nevertheless, a single administration is also lawful and valid. The use of a substantial amount of water is desirable; water must at least flow on the skin of the candidate. The president may delegate the act of baptism to another lawful minister.

13 Conditional Baptism

If it is not certain whether a person has already been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, then the usual service of baptism is used, but the form of words at the baptism shall be

N, if you have not already been baptized, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

14 Clothing

Provision is made for clothing after the baptism. This may be a practical necessity where dipping is the mode of baptism employed; the text provided draws on ancient tradition, linking practical necessity and scriptural imagery.

15 Prayers of Intercession

General intercession should normally be part of the service. Such prayers draw the newly baptized into the praying Church of which they are now a part. It may be appropriate for the newly baptized to introduce sections of these prayers. Prayers in responsive form are provided; one of the forms of prayer on pages 52–61 may be used. The Prayers may be used after the Welcome and Peace.

16 Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Paschal candle or another large candle is made ready so that it may be lit at the Decision. Individual candles may be lit from it and given to candidates as part of the Sending Out. The giving of lighted candles may take place at an earlier stage in the service, after the administration of baptism.

17 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

When a corporate Renewal of Baptismal Vows takes place within a service of Holy Baptism and/or Confirmation, the responses of the people follow the responses of the candidates, for example:

Do you reject ...?

Candidates I reject ...

All I reject ...

Baptism within a Celebration of Holy Communion

The service for Holy Baptism provides for baptism in the context of the celebration of Holy Communion. The following notes aim to highlight the implication of this for baptism at a parish's regular Sunday celebration of Holy Communion.

- 1 The opening of the service should include an appropriate introduction and may include a prayer of thanksgiving for the child (page 50).
- 2 The Prayers of Penitence and the Nicene Creed are omitted.
- 3 The Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism takes place after the sermon. Alternatively it may form part of the opening section of the service; before the Gloria or Kyries (where these are used). If the presentation is used in this earlier position, it must precede the Collect.
- 4 Baptism takes place after the sermon.
- 5 An interrogatory version of the Apostles' Creed is provided in the text, to be said by the whole congregation. The Apostles' Creed is the normal baptismal creed in the Western tradition. A shorter Profession of Faith can be found at page 49.
- 6 The first form of the Commission is to be used at the baptism of children. The second form is to be used at the baptism of those able to answer for themselves.
- 7 A brief form of the Prayers of Intercession is provided. Longer and seasonal forms are to be found on pages 52–61. The Prayers may be placed before or after the Welcome. If the prayers precede the Welcome and Peace, the Liturgy of the Eucharist then continues in the usual way with the Preparation of the Table and the Taking of the Bread and Wine.
- 8 A lighted candle is presented to the newly baptized as part of the conclusion of the service. It may be appropriate to invite the parents and godparents to the front at this point. The candle is lit from the Paschal candle (or other large candle) previously lit at the Decision.

The following table indicates how the service for Holy Baptism is to be used with the services indicated.

Order of Baptism	Order One	Order Two / BCP
[<i>Thanksgiving</i>] Introduction	After the Greeting [<i>omit Prayers of Penitence</i>]	After the Sermon
	Omit Nicene Creed	Omit Nicene Creed
Presentation	After the Greeting or Sermon	After the Introduction
Baptism	After the Sermon	After the Presentation
Prayers of Intercession	At the Intercessions [<i>omit Prayers of Penitence</i>]	Use Prayers of Intercession from Holy Baptism in place of Prayer for Church Militant
Welcome and Peace	At the Peace	Use the Welcome after the Commission
Prayer after Communion	After the Giving of Bread and Wine	Do not use
Giving of a Lighted Candle	Between the Blessing and Dismissal	After the Blessing

Baptism at a Service of the Word

Any minister may preside over A Service of the Word, the Prayers and the Commission. The minister of baptism, who is the parish priest or other minister authorized to administer Holy Baptism, must preside over the Liturgy of Baptism.

Headings on this page refer to the service for Holy Baptism.

Where alternative forms are provided in the service for Holy Baptism, they may be used with A Service of the Word.

- 1 The Prayers of Penitence are not used.
- 2 The Creed or Affirmation of Faith is replaced by the Profession of Faith.
- 3 The Introduction, Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child, and Presentation of the Candidates may be used as part of the Preparation or after the Liturgy of the Word.
- 4 The following sections are used after the Liturgy of the Word:

Presentation of the Candidates [if not used earlier]

The Decision

Signing with the Cross

Prayer over the Water

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Commission

The Welcome and Peace

Alternatively the Peace may be used later in the service or omitted.

- 5 The Prayers of Intercession may be used before or after the Welcome or later in the service.
- 6 The Giving of a Lighted Candle takes place at the conclusion of the service. Alternatively it may take place after the administration of baptism.