



# Easter Sunday and Holy Baptism

SERVANTS OF CHRIST  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



## Welcome & Announcements

### Processional

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Acclamation

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** **One God and Father of all.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

### The Summary of the Law

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You

*The cross, a symbol of Christ in our worship, leads us to the altar, reminding us that our way to God is through Jesus.*

*With these words we affirm to one another and God why we've come together to worship.*

*A "collect" collects our prayers together in unity. This prayer acknowledges our need for help to worship God with all our heart, soul, and mind.*

*Remembering the focus of our faith—to love God and others—gives us opportunity to reflect on what is most important.*

*As we reflect, we recognize and state our need for mercy because we routinely fail to love God and our neighbors.*

*Children are an important part of our church and worship. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). We bring the children forward so that they can know that God invites them to come and know Him.*

*A "collect" collects our prayers together in unity. This prayer changes each week and focuses our prayers for the week ahead.*

shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## The Kyrie

***Please remain standing as you are able.***

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

***People*** **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

## Children's Sermon

***Please be seated.***

*Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grades are invited to attend Children's Church at this time. The children will return at the Peace. You may pick up your nursery-aged children for Holy Communion at that time.*

## The Collect of the Day

***Please remain seated.***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People*** **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### ***Please remain seated for the first reading.***

*The readings for the day can be found in the weekly bulletin.*

*The Lector gives a citation giving chapter and verse then reads the Scripture.*

**Lector**            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Please stand as you are able for the Psalm.***

*The Psalm is typically read responsively by half-verse, led by the Celebrant with the People responding.*

**Celebrant**        Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**People**            **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ***Please be seated for the second reading.***

*The Lector gives a citation giving chapter and verse then reads the Scripture.*

**Lector**            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Please stand as you are able.***

**Deacon**            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. \_\_\_\_\_.

**People**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Deacon or Priest appointed reads the Gospel.*

**Deacon**            The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Bible is one coherent story so we read from different parts, desiring to hear God speak to us through His Word.*

*We sing a chorus before and after the Gospel reading as we prepare our hearts for the sermon.*

*Here we begin the baptismal service. Because baptism is a vital part of the Christian faith, we take time to explain why we baptize, the gravity of the baptismal vows, and what we believe happens spiritually during baptism.*

## The Sermon

*Please be seated.*

## The Exhortation

*Celebrant* Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that this Candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this Candidate that which by nature he cannot have.

## The Presentation

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsors* I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks Candidates the following:*

*Celebrant* Have you already been baptized?

*Candidate* No.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

## Profession of Faith

*The Celebrant then examines the Candidate.*

*Question* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer* I will, the Lord being my helper.

***Please stand.***

*The Celebrant addresses the people.*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support David in his life in Christ?

<b>All</b>	<b>We will.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us join with David to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.
	Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
<b>People</b>	<b>I do.</b>
	<b>I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?
<b>People</b>	<b>I do.</b>
	<b>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
<b>People</b>	<b>I do.</b>
	<b>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.</b>

*Please kneel or be seated.*

## Litany for the Candidates

<i>Reader</i>	Let us now pray for David who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
<b>People</b>	<b>We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.</b>



*Reader* That he may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

***People* We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Reader* That he may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

***People* We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Reader* That he may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever he falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

***People* We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Reader* That he may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

***People* We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Reader* That as a living member of the Body of Christ, he may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

***People* We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Reader* That, looking to Jesus, he may run with endurance the race set before him, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

***People* We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

## Prayer for the Candidates

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy

Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

*The Celebrant or Deacon pours the water for Baptism.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**        **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

**People**        **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*      We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

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 made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Celebrant touches the water.*

*Celebrant* Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*The Celebrant says to the Sponsors:*

*Celebrant* Name this Candidate.

*The Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying:*

*Celebrant* David, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized.*

*Celebrant* David, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The candles are presented.*

*Celebrant* David, receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received him as your own child by adoption, made him a member of your holy Church, and raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that he may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All** We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

## The Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And with your spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord. Parents may now pick up their children ages 4 and under from the nursery if they desire. Nursery is available through the end of the service.*

## The Offering and Doxology

*In response to all that God has done for us, we worship God by giving of our finances and raising our voices together in song.*

*During the Offertory hymns or songs may be sung. The Deacon or Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration.*

***Please stand as you are able while the offerings are presented.***

## The Sursum Corda

*Literally meaning "Lift up your hearts" the Sursum Corda begins a prayer of great thanksgiving to God for the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.*

***Please remain standing as you are able.***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And with your spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**All 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.**

*Latin for “holy,” this ancient hymn weaves together Scripture which describes the worship happening on heaven and earth (Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26, Matthew 21:9, Revelation 4:8). We join with all the saints in heaven on earth in worshipping God.*

## The Prayer of Consecration

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your

*This prayer retells the story of redemption, recalling the wonderful mystery of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ to give His life for us and renew all things.*

right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Jesus taught his disciples this prayer as a model for how to pray (Luke 11:1-4). The Lord's Prayer roughly breaks down into three types of prayers: Praise (Thank you), Petition (Please), and Penitence (Sorry). We pray this each week to remind us how Jesus taught us to pray.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*As we hear the sound of the bread being broken, we remember the cost of Christ's sacrifice for us.*

## The Ministration of Communion

*Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament and then give it to the People.  
You may be seated.*

*In the Sacrament we partake of God's past, present, and future grace. The physical bread and wine nourish us with the spiritual presence of Jesus.*

*In response to all we have heard, learned, and experienced during the service, we turn our hearts to sing praises to our God.*

*We give thanks for the feast we have partaken in and prepare to go back into the world to labor for his kingdom.*

*During Communion, songs or hymns may be sung.*

*All baptized and believing Christians are invited to participate in communion. If you would like to drink from the chalice for communion, please consume the bread when it is given to you. If you would prefer to dip your bread in the wine, please hold onto the bread and dip it in the chalice. Gluten-free bread is available. Simply cross your hands palm-down as a sign to the priest and it will be brought to you. If for any reason, you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from a priest. Trained members of the prayer team are available during communion in the alcoves under the exit signs for any prayer needs that you may have.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

***Please stand as you are able.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***All*** Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of  
your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work  
you have  
given us to do ,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses  
of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.



## The Blessing

***Please remain standing as you are able.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional

### The Dismissal

***Please remain standing as you are able.***

*Deacon*      All our problems:

***People*      We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Deacon*      All our difficulties:

***People*      We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Deacon*      All the devil's works:

***People*      We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Deacon*      All our hopes:

***People*      We set on the risen Christ.**

*Deacon*      Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People*      Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

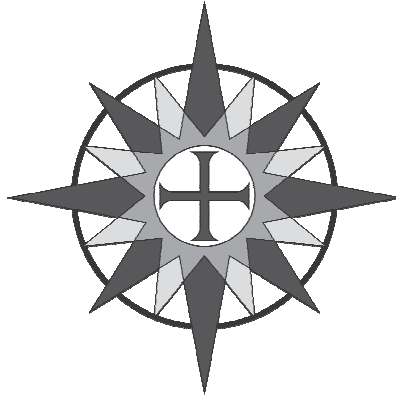
*As we go out into the world, we receive God's blessing which empowers us to do the work before us.*

*We follow the cross out into the world, remembering that Jesus goes before us in all things.*

*To honor our parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya, we use the dismissal form from their Prayer Book.*







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