

TRING TEAM PARISH

St. John the Baptist, Aldbury - All Saints, Long Marston -
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St Cross, Wilstone



MORNING WORSHIP BOOKLET

Welcome...

...to this church in the Tring team parish. This booklet provides orders of service is for use at a our morning services during Lent. During this season the Church maintains a more penitential feel in preparation for the major festival, Easter, which follows. The church is not decorated with flowers and the colour of the vestments and altar frontals reflect the season.

Our service on Ash Wednesday says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to recognize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

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Holy Communion

God Calls

We meet as God's people
in the name of the Father
Son and Holy Spirit **Amen**

Hymn

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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 10 Commandments

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and
examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God:
you shall have no other gods but me.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and mother.

Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Let everyone speak the truth

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet
anything which belongs to your neighbour.
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give
than to receive.' Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the
fulfilling of the law.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of Penitence

The minister may add a sentence before each petition

Lord, have mercy.	Or	♪	Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.			Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.			Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.			Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.			Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.			Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Collect

*The collect is a special prayer for the day so we can all gather or 'collect'
our thoughts and prayers. It will be printed on the notice sheet.*

God Speaks

Reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

God Listens

Prayers of Intercession

With all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

At the end

**Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us,
O Lord, by your grace. Amen.**

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn

Preparation of the Altar

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.
With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.
Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you or The Lord is here
and also with you. **His spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

From Ash Wednesday to Lent 4

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *saying*:

Or Lent 5

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called
to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

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

The “Agnus Dei” (Lamb of God)

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

or **Jesus Lamb of God
have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins
Have mercy on us**

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

**Jesus,
redeemer of the world
Have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Music during Communion

After Communion

The minister may say a prayer and then we all say

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.**

**By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices and Wedding Banns

Hymn

God Sends

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Simple Communion

God Calls

Welcome

We meet in the name of God:

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Holy Spirit:

God is one.

Hymn

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and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

and also with you.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of Penitence (Saying Sorry)

God our Father we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

Holy God

For the times when we ignored your words.

We are sorry.

For the times we did not encourage
and support others.

We are sorry.

For the times we did not let you into our lives.

We are sorry.

The almighty and merciful Lord

grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,

and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

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Gospel Reading

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Glory to you, O Lord.

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Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed (What we believe)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We 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?

We 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?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

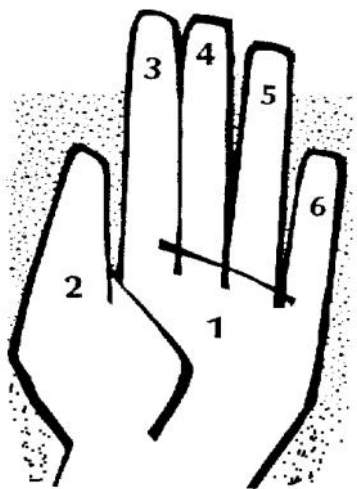
**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

God Listens

Prayers of Intercession (praying for the world)

Hand of Prayer

*If you are praying with
children you might want to
encourage them to use this
way of praying during the
intercessions*



*Your hand can be used to bring to mind
different things to pray for.*

1. The Whole Hand - pray for God's world
2. Thumb—this is the strongest digit on your hand. Give thanks for all the strong things in your life, like home and family, relationships that support and sustain you.
3. Index finger—this is the pointing finger. Pray for all those people and things in your life who guide and help you. Friends, teachers, nurses, and so on.
4. Middle finger—this is the tallest finger. Pray for all the important people who have power in the world, like world leaders and their governments, and local councillors
5. Ring finger - this is the weakest finger on your hand. It can not do much by itself. Remember the poor, the weak, the helpless, the hungry, the sick, the ill and the bereaved.
6. Little finger - this is the smallest and the last finger on your hand. Pray for yourself.

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
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The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn

Preparation of the Altar

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.
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we shall remember Jesus.
Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you or The Lord is here
and also with you. **His spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Voice 1 Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Voice 2 Listen and we will hear

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Voice 1 Why do we share this bread and wine?

Voice 2 Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Voice 1 How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Voice 2 Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

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because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
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Music during Communion

After Communion

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keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices and Wedding Banns

Hymn

God Sends

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Sunday Worship

God Calls

Welcome

We meet as God's people in the name of the
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Amen

Hymn

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

and also with you.

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

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I am the Lord your God:
you shall have no other gods but me.
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Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
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set your minds on things that are above,
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Honour your father and mother.
Live as servants of God;
let us work for the good of all,
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You shall not commit murder.
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You shall not covet
anything which belongs to your neighbour.
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Love your neighbour as yourself,
for love is the fulfilling of the law.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of Penitence

God our Father we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Or
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *us* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God Speaks

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle (optional)

**Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, •
call upon him while he is near;
Let the wicked abandon their ways, •
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; •
to our God, who will richly pardon.
'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, •
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, •
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
‘As the rain and the snow come down from above, •
and return not again but water the earth,
‘Bringing forth life and giving growth, •
seed for sowing and bread to eat,
‘So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; •
it will not return to me fruitless,
‘But it will accomplish that which I purpose, •
and succeed in the task I gave it.’

**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.**

**Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to

Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

God Listens

Prayers of Intercession

With all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

At the end

**Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us,
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The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
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The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

God Sends

Notices and Wedding Banns

Hymn

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to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

Worship for All (Template)

Welcome

Our welcoming prayer has actions. Please join in.



Come Holy Spirit make us one.
Come Holy Spirit give us your gifts.
Come Holy Spirit hear our prayers.
Come Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Song

We start the service with a song



Let's say sorry

Sometimes we get things wrong. Let's say a sorry prayer to God so that we can start afresh.

For the times when we have ignored your words,

We are sorry.

For the times we did not encourage and support others,

We are sorry.

For the times we did not let you in to our lives,

We are sorry.



Let's hear a Bible Story

Song

We sing another song



Let's Get Making

Our Worship for All Services often include a craft

Let's talk to God

We come to God in prayer. The prayers end with the Lord's Prayer

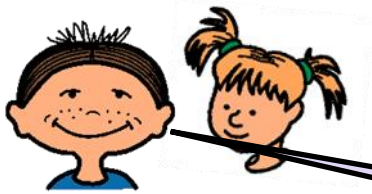
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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours**



Let's share God's Peace

God wants everyone in His family to be friends. We share His peace with each other saying,



Peace be with you!



Song

We sing another Song

Let's Go out into the World

We hear that God knows, us loves us, and blesses us. We might make the sign of the cross as we hear this.

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



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THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF A CHILD

Loving God, you hold all things in life and call us into your kingdom of peace; help us to walk the path of your truth and fill our lives with gratitude and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Do you receive *these children* as a gift from God? **We do.**

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing? **We do.**

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

What name have you given this child? ***His/her name is N.***

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on *N*.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for *his/her* birth; surround *him/her* with your blessing that *he/she* may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all *his/her* days.

All **May they learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and, in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God the Father of all bless *these parents* and give *them grace* to love and care for *their children*. May God give *them* wisdom, patience and faith, help *them* to provide for the *children's* needs and, by *their* example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Receive this book it is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

All **God our creator, we thank you for the gift of *these children*, entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive, so that through our love they may come to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**