

A Celebration of Baptism Reunion Service



St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale
St Mark's Church, Ninebanks
Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

We stand, if able, to sing the opening hymn

The Greeting

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

All

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.**

Prayer of Preparation

We sit or kneel to pray

All **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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

We stand, if able, to sing

**Glory to God, to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Glory to God, to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, of God the
Father, Amen, Amen.**

We pray together in silence, which is drawn together by the Collect of the Day

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the reading; at the end the reader says

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand, if able, to sing the gradual hymn

If able to, we stand for the reading of The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Activity and Reflection

The response is

All With the help of God, I will.

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel to pray

God our Father, we pray to you for all who have the care of children.

Guide them with your Holy Spirit, that they may bring them up in the ways of truth and love.

Through their care enable them to grow in grace and become daily more like your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Father God, from whom every family in earth and heaven is named, we thank you for the rich variety of the families you have created for us, and for the relationships which we see and enjoy within them.

Help us to respect and learn from each other, that we may come to maturity in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Living God, we pray for brothers and sisters, grant them friendship and love that their home may be an image of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers, for the sake of your son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand for the Peace

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.

We share the peace with each other

We stand, if able, to sing the offertory hymn

All God of life, Saviour of the poor, receive with these gifts,
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

All

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest. Hosanna, in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom; and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with St Cuthbert, St Mark and all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words that Christ has taught us:

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

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

All **Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus Redeemer of the world give us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made**

clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

When we receive communion, we reply ‘Amen.’

Post Communion Prayer

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

We stand, if able, to sing the final hymn during which Candles may be lit as a celebration of baptism

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please extinguish candles before leaving

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