



Welcome to the Easter Day Service with Baptisms



at

**The Parish Church of
St Mary, Portsea**
in the Diocese of Portsmouth

A minister leads us in a time of prayer and stillness as we prepare to worship our Heavenly Father

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

Amen

Christ the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

O come let us worship. Alleluia!

The Easter Garden is blessed.

We sing

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

The Priest greets the people saying:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

We are sorry

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God forgives us

At the end ...

Amen

We sing of the glory of God

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All Sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, **glory in the highest.**
Give you thanks, **glory in the highest.**
Praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace 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;
have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer,
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Amen.
Amen.

We listen to God's word

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

We sing

Alleluia, alleluia., alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We hear the Easter Gospel

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end ...

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A short reflection

The Parents and Godparents and those to be baptised come to the front

We prepare for the Baptisms

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 and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Priest 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 the way of Christ?

Parents and Godparents 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?

Parents and Godparents With the help of God, we will.

The priest addresses the parents, godparents, who will answer on behalf of those being baptised as well as for themselves. The Priest also invites all baptised present to renew their own commitment to Christ, by joining in the responses

We renew our Baptismal Promises

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 turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The Signing with the Cross

The Priest, using oil blest by the bishop for this purpose, marks the candidates with the sign of the cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.
**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

The Priest, Parents, Godparents and children move to the Font. The congregation turn to face the Font. The water in it has been blessed.

Brothers and sisters, let us affirm,
With all who are 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?
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?
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?
I 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.

The Priest baptises the candidates and then reminds the congregation, parents and godparents of our shared responsibility in nurturing them in the Christian Faith. The Priest then sprinkles the congregation with water from the Font to remind us of our Baptism and of the life and love of Christ freely poured out on us. As this is done all sing:

Give thanks to God, for he is good, his love will never end. To our eternal Saviour, Let songs of praise ascend. Let his people sing with joy, 'His love will never end.'	The Lord has triumphed gloriously, His hand has raised me high. Now I shall tell his wonders, And never shall I die. Let all his people sing with joy, 'His hand has raised me high.'
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Chorus
Sing alleluia! Praise the Lord!
Alleluia!
Sing alleluia! Praise the Lord!

The stone the builders cast aside
Is now the cornerstone,
A work by which God's glory
And faithfulness are shown.
Let all his people sing with joy,
'He is our cornerstone.'

The Parents, Godparents and children return to the front of the Church

We share Christ's love and peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N.N., by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Alleluia! The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you. Alleluia!

Be aware of all who share in this celebration and reflect on how we can show and share that peace with others. The gifts of bread and wine are prepared and offered to God – reflect on what you are offering to God today

I danced in the morning,
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and
I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem
I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee
but they would not dance
and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen
For James and John;
they came with me
and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame.
The holy people they
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
On the cross to die.

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone
but I am the dance
and I still go on

They cut me down
And I leapt up high.
I am the life
that'll never, never die
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me.
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.

At the end of the Hymn, the Priest says a prayer offering the gifts, we all say:
Amen.

We thank God

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

The Priest offers thanks to God ending :

**All sing Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
your power and might.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, etc etc**

Paul Inwood: Gathering Mass

*The Priest continues the prayer, asking that the Spirit may come upon the gifts
and recalling the action of Jesus at the Last Supper*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Priest continues the prayer, at the end all respond **Amen**

We pray as Jesus taught us

**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.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break the bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Jesus, risen Lord, triumphant King:
Jesus, true redeemer of the world:

**All sing Hear our prayer, have mercy;
hear our prayer have mercy;
give us your peace.**

Jesus, Morning Star which never sets:
Jesus Paschal Lamb and sacrifice:
Hear our prayer etc

Jesus, bursting from the shattered tomb:
Jesus mighty Victor over death:
Hear our prayer etc

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to His supper
**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We are blessed

As those at the Church receive communion those elsewhere pray that you may be aware of Christ's presence with you and that you will be blessed and comforted by it

We say thank you

The Priest says a prayer, of thanksgiving.

All Amen

After the Prayer a Minister will give out any special notices

We are blessed

Those baptised are given a lighted candle lit from the Paschal candle.

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Priest gives God's blessing



We sing

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!