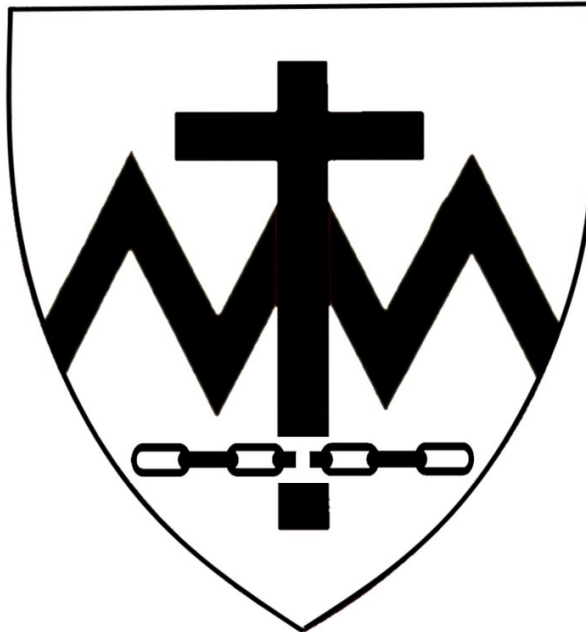


Simple Services



St Leonard's Chapel, Hazlewood



The Order of St James (UK)

Approved Services: Communion, Baptism, Rite and Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

The Order of St James (UK)
A simple communion service

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

We have come before God, knowing we shall be accepted,
not through our own merit, but through Jesus, the Christ,
whose love made possible our fellowship with God.

We give thanks that we are able to approach God with true confidence.
With all of creation, we praise God. Amen

Let us consider our lives in quietness as we say the words of our confession.

(an appropriate time for reflection may be allowed)

Father, I ask your forgiveness.

**I ask your forgiveness for I have failed to love you
and those you have brought to me.**

I ask your forgiveness for I have failed to hear your words.

I ask your forgiveness for I have failed to do as you will.

Father, I ask your forgiveness.

God forgives all who truly seek forgiveness.

I offer you the forgiveness of God. Let it empower you and give you strength.
Let it sustain you in difficulty. Let it bring you hope and encouragement.

We give thanks to God.

And now, we come together (as a church)
to pray for the needs of others and ourselves.

We pray for the healing of the world, your creation,
entrusted into our hands.

We pray for all in authority that they may rule as you would wish.

We pray for your church, that it will be faithful, loving and obedient.

We pray for all those who are lost or without hope and truly seek
your presence. **Amen.**

We pray that we will seek those things that are good,
seek to put right those things that are wrong
and speak out for those whose voice is not heard.

We pray that we might be wise in our words,
loving in our actions and hold no hurt against any other.
We ask this in Jesus name. **Amen.**

Open our minds that we might think as you think, open our eyes that we might see as you see, open our mouths that we may speak as you speak and our hearts that we might love as you love.

We ask this in Jesus name, amen.

May you know God's peace and be faithful in all things.

The peace of God be with you

And also with you.

(a sign of peace may be exchanged)

(Readings and a short sermon may be given at this point in the service.)

The communion:

God provides for all our needs and blesses all His creation.

(bread is placed on the paten and wine and water are poured into the chalice)

We acknowledge His blessing and give thanks, for God makes all things holy.

Dear Father, may you bless, sanctify and make holy this bread

(hands are laid over the bread)

and this wine in accordance with our need

(hands are laid over the wine).

Grant that they may be an acceptable and holy offering. Amen.

(the bread and wine is held up before those gathered.)

We remember and honour Jesus, the Christ.

(a short period of silence)

Scripture records that Jesus took the cup of wine and gave thanks,
instructing that it should be divided up amongst all the disciples.

He took the bread and gave thanks and broke it, saying

"This is my body which is given for you - do this in remembrance of me."

(the bread or a host is raised and is then broken during these words)

He took the cup after supper, saying

"This is my blood which is given for you and many others for the remission of sins.

It is the new testament."

(the chalice is raised during these words)

All those who come to share this bread and this wine and are in fellowship with God and one another are made welcome in the name of Christ.

(the bread and wine may be distributed according to the traditions and/or wishes of those gathered)

We have shared in this act of love and remembrance in true fellowship.

We honour God the Father.

We honour God, the Son.

We honour God, the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(a brief period of silence is followed by the closing prayers)

May the love of God fill our lives.

We are one body, though many parts.

We offer to God our service as His church.

We ask that we may hear His voice and discern His will faithfully.

We ask that we may do as He asks of us as a church and as individuals.

**We ask that we may do as He asks with love, grace and compassion,
with single-mindedness and confidence.**

We ask that we may respond to His call to service,
accepting with true happiness the gift of love He has given to us in trust.

**We ask that we may have Godly wisdom in our service, setting aside self
interest for the good and consideration of others.**

We ask that we shall not be disheartened by disappointment
or be overcome by failure,
nor take praise for what God has done through us.

**We ask that we shall give of ourselves as Jesus, the Christ, gave of himself.
We ask that we may be wise ministers of the gifts and skills He has given us.**

We ask that we may be sensitive to the needs of others, and respond as the
Holy Spirit prompts.

**We ask that we may not fear darkness but always be God's light wherever we
are.**

We ask that we may not be afraid of looking into our own hearts
or be afraid of seeing ourselves as God sees us.

**We ask that we will always be able to look to the future with
confidence and hope, and be free from the burdens of the past.**

We ask that we will always remember we are in God's hands and are being
shaped by Him.

**We ask that we will find Godly consolation in the present moment
And the circumstances in which we find ourselves.**

We ask these things in Jesus name. Amen.

Let us serve God with confidence, peace and contentment.

Let us give thanks to God in all things.

Go in peace _ to love and serve God.

Amen

The Order of St James (UK)

A simple baptism service.

The Greeting

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

Introduction

A long time ago, Jesus said that as a mark of our faith and love of God that
we should be baptised.

Baptism is the symbolic washing away of our old life and a sign we are
preparing to make a fresh start, a life that is based on faith and love of God.
Jesus himself was baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist.
Jesus showed us the way by example.

Today we are continuing to follow that example as we come to baptise
(name) and invite him/her to become a member of the world wide Church.

The Word

(Other readings may be added before the New Testament reading.)

The default New Testament reading:

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in a bodily form like a dove. A voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.

(A short homily may follow.)

The preparation and promises of commitment

To parents:

I now need to ask (name's) mum and dad, a question.

Is it your wish that (name) shall be baptised and begin his/her journey of faith as a member of the church?

Parents: It is our wish.

To the people:

Today, (name) is invited to take his/her place as a member of the church under the care and protection of his/her parents and God parents.

Will you welcome (name) as a member of the church and uphold him/her as he/she begins his/her journey of faith?

All: We will.

To the parents and God parents:

Parents and Godparents, before (name) is made welcome as a member of the church, I ask you before God, are you willing to support, encourage and pray for (name), be an example to him/her and help him/her find his/her place in the community of faith?

Parents/God parents: I will.

To follow Jesus and be his disciple means turning away from doing those things that hurt God and his people and trying instead to do what is right and good.

Will you turn away from doing all that you know deep within your heart is wrong and seek instead to do what you know before God is both right and good?

Parents/God parents: I will.

Will you follow and uphold the teachings of Jesus?

Parents/God parents: I will.

Will you allow yourself to be loved by God and also to love both God and those He brings to you?

Parents/God parents: I will.

Will you be faithful to God and to those whom God has placed in your care, especially (name)?

Parents/God parents: I will.

To the parents and God parents:

You have declared before God that you will care for (name) and will take responsibility for him/her in his/her journey of faith.

It is a great privilege and before God you are now entrusted with his/her care.

Facing candidate:

(name), I welcome you into the family of Christ, confident in the knowledge that you will be protected and cared for by your parents and Godparents.

The Creed: (a statement of Christian faith)

To the people:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is our faith.

(all shall turn to face the altar)

**All: We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.
We 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.**

Prayer over the Water

*(If a mobile font is used then one of the God parents
or a member of the family may hold the font.
Water is poured into the font.)*

Father, make holy this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
(name) may be renewed in your image and walk by the light of faith. **Amen.**

Baptism

(Name), I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Signing with the Cross

(Using consecrated oil, the sign of the cross is made on (name's) forehead.)

(Name), Jesus Christ accepts you by faith as a member of the church, his worldwide family.

Receive the sign of his cross.

All: Amen

I welcome you in the name of Christ.

May God keep you safe.

May your faith be strong

May you serve God with love and faithfulness.

All: Amen.

(An invitation is extended to others to sign (name) with the sign of the cross.)

Commission

As (name) grows up, he/she will need help and encouragement so that he/she may learn to know God, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith and discover what it is that God wants him/her to do, for each of us is entrusted with some special gift or ministry by God.

As his/her parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him/her.

You will need our prayer, support and encouragement so I ask you all, will you pray for and support (name) parents, God parents and one another in this task?

All: We will

Prayers

God our Father, we pray to you for (name's) parents, _____ and _____; his/her godparents, _____ and _____, and all his/her relatives, that they may bring him/her up in the ways of truth and love.

Through their care enable him/her to grow in grace, tenderness and patience that he/she may serve you and live within your love.

All: Amen

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support (name) through prayer, example and teaching.

(Name), today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people.

May God, who promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, be your guide in life, protect you and bring you peace and fulfilment.

All: Amen

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

All: (name), we welcome you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Each may say, 'The Peace of the Lord be with you.'
and the response shall be, 'And also with you.'*

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from 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.

As a symbol of faith and acceptance as a new member of the church,
I will now present (name) with a lighted candle
as a sign that he/she takes the light of Christ with him/her wherever he/she goes.
Because he/she is just a little too young to have a lighted candle,
it will be received by _____ on his/her behalf.

(A lighted candle is received.)

Prayers

Using the words Jesus taught his friends we say:

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen**

(Other prayers may be added here)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
One God, without end.

All: Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Order of St James (UK)

Rite and Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Introduction

Marriage is a journey two special people make together and it is different from all other relationships.

Today we come to celebrate the moment when two special people, (name of husband) and (name of bride), begin their journey together as husband and wife.

We will celebrate with them as they make their vows before God and before us, family and friends.

Marriage is a way of life that demands commitment, a commitment born out of real love, a love that reaches beyond the feelings and passions of the moment.

It takes in, in one breath, the past on which the relationship has been built, the present with its transient emotions, and the future which holds the hopes and expectations of a deepening love.

Marriage is a sign of unity, loyalty and trust, which all should uphold and honour.

Unity does not mean being the same. Unity is a oneness based on the freely given recognition of each person as an individual by the other, accepting the right to think and respond differently to different situations, but always protecting, strengthening and encouraging the relationship.

It is forgiving and does not hold onto hurts or build walls out of disagreements. Although it seems a natural path to take in a relationship, no one should enter into marriage lightly or selfishly.

It is not always an easy path and needs careful thought but (name of husband) and (name of bride)'s commitment to and love of each other has been tested by both time and circumstances, and they now stand before God, family and friends, ready to make their promises to each other and ask for God's blessing and guidance.

The Declarations

The declarations that follow form the basis on which both (name of husband) and (name of bride) have established their love for each other.

I am required to ask them both in turn whether they will continue to respect, honour, love and protect each other before they make their binding marriage vows.

(Name of husband), will you take (name of bride) to be your wife? Will you love her, be her strength and consolation, honour, protect and be always faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

(name of husband): I will

(Name of bride), will you take (name of husband) to be your husband? Will you love him, be his strength and consolation, honour, protect and be always faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

(name of wife): I will

Family blessing

(The celebrant will now ask the father/mother/family or other chosen representatives the following which replaces the traditional form of the 'giving away' of the bride: amend text as required.)

(Name of wife) and (name of husband) have declared their love of and intentions towards each other.

Do you (each) give your blessing and support to this union between (name of husband) and (name of wife) as they come to be married?

Parents or other nominated person(s): I/We do

Commitment by family and friends

This is now something for all of you and the correct response is 'We will.'
Will you, the families and friends of (name of husband) and (name of wife),
support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All: **We will.**

The Lighting of individual candles by the bride and groom

We now come to a part of the service involving the lighting of individual candles
by the bride and groom in preparation for the lighting what is called the Unity
Candle.

Each lighted candles symbolises the light that (name of wife) and (name of
husband) bring to the marriage as individuals.

Later in the service, after the proclamation has been made, the Unity candle itself
will be lit from these two individual flames which will be joined them together as
one.

The Collect

God our loving Father, from the moment of creation you have blessed us all
with abundant life and your great love for us.

We invite you now to be present at this celebration of the love of two special people and ask that you stand with them as they make their promises of marriage to each other.

Father, may you open their minds to the great possibilities that this lays before them and guide them wisely and gently in the journey they will take together.
Amen

(A hymn may be sung at this point.)

The Word

1 Corinthians 13, v 4-8

4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8Love never fails.

(A homily may be given at this point.)

The Marriage Vows

(Name of husband) and (name of wife), I now invite you to face one another, to join hands and make your vows in the presence of God and his people your family and friends.

Vows

Husband:

I, (name of husband), take you, (name of wife),
to be my wife, to have and to hold
from this day forward; for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish, till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

Wife:

I, (name of wife), take you, (name of husband),
to be my husband, to have and to hold
from this day forward; for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish, till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

The Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Rings have long been a symbol of the unbroken circle of faithfulness and love. As ring promises are made, (name of husband) and (name of bride) have asked that the rings they offer/have received from each other are given God's blessing.

May I have the rings please.

Heavenly father by your blessing let these rings be to (name of husband) and (name of bride) symbols of both your and their unending love and faithfulness.

May they be a reminder of the marriage vows they have made today.

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

(The rings are then accepted and given.)

(Name of bride), I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage, all that we are, all that we share, all we shall become.
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Name of husband), I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage, all that we are, all that we share, all we shall become.
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Proclamation

(Name of husband) and (name of bride), now you have made these promises before God and your family and friends, it is my great pleasure as priest to declare that before God, family and friends, you are now joined in marriage as husband and wife. May God's peace be with you always.

The Traditional Kiss between husband and wife

The Lighting of the Unity Candle

As a declaration of their love and as a symbol of their unity, (name of husband) and (name of wife) will now jointly light the Unity Candle as a symbol that they are now one, being united in their love for one another.

Their individual candles will remain alight as a symbol that they yet retain, treasure and protect their own and their partner's individuality within their new relationship as a married couple.

The Blessing and Prayers

(name of husband) and (name of wife), may God the Holy Trinity bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace, that you may please him in body and soul,
live faithfully together in love, and receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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, the power and the glory,

(Other prayers may be added as appropriated.)

(Closing this section of prayers for the bride and groom the reader/celebrant says:

Dear Father and creator of all that is good, just and holy, hear our prayer. Amen)

Prayers for family and friends

We remember absent family and friends, those who were not able to be present today. May the love of God our Father rest upon them.

With gratitude and true affection we offer to you the memories we hold of those whose lives have touched ours and we give you thanks. **Amen.**

Closing blessings

God bless the marriage of (name of husband) and (name of bride).

Together may they build a life where they know each other's strengths, nurture each other's talents, and support each other's needs.

May they work together, laugh together, play together and dream together.
May they show others that, with love, life has hope,
life has meaning, and life is great and wonderful gift of God.
May you witness their love O Lord, make it deeper and stronger with time,
for we are born to love and be loved

Amen

Closing Blessing

The love, peace and strength of God be with you wherever you are and may you
continue to be blessed in your own journeys through life.

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

The bride and groom may now leave followed by family and friends.

Cardinal Newman's Prayer: 'God has created me.....'

God has created me to do Him some definite service.

He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught.

I shall do good; I shall do His work.

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain.

He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me.

Still, He knows what He is about.

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