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ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WITH THE BAPTISM OF LOLA JENKINS

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THE GATHERING

When the bell rings, all stand to sing the hymn:

1. He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2. Who so beset him round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might;
though he with giants fight,
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end,
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace and peace be with you. **And keep you in the love of Christ.**

The priest may offer some informal words of welcome, after which all say:

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

All sing:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest invites the people to confess their sins, after which all say:

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

There is no Gloria during Lent

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things

that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All sit

A READING

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. *(Philippians 3.17 - 4.1)*

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

All stand and sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow,

and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Luke 13.3 1-35)

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All sit

SERMON

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The priest addresses the parents:

The baptism of its new members is an occasion of great joy for the Christian Church. In this sacrament, we are reborn as God's children, and are made followers of Christ, members of his body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. Will you accept these things for Lola?

We will.

In asking for Lola to be baptized, you are accepting the responsibility of bringing her up as a Christian. In caring for her will you help her to keep God's commandments by loving God and neighbour as Christ has taught us? Will you pray for her, and draw her by your own example into the community of faith?

With the help of God, we will.

The priest addresses the godparents:

Will you support and help Lola's parents in doing these things?

With the help of God, we will.

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Will you welcome Lola and do your best to uphold her in her life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The priest addresses the parents and godparents:

You have declared your wish for Lola to be baptized. We therefore now invite you to respond to Christ's call.

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

Almighty Father, you sent your Son into the world to destroy the powers of darkness. Hear our prayer for Lola: deliver her from evil, give her light and joy and fill her with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child who is to be baptized, saying:

Lola, I sign you with the sign of the cross and claim you for our Saviour Jesus Christ. Never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. Amen.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the parents, godparents and the congregation:

We invite you now to profess the Christian faith.

Do you believe in God the Father, the Creator of all?

I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

The priest, candidates, parents and godparents gather at the font; the congregation turns to face the font.

We give thanks to you, O God:
we bless your holy name.

For your gift of water to nourish and sustain all life:
we give you thanks and praise.

Through the waters of the sea you led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom:

we give you thanks and praise.

At his baptism, your Son Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit:
we give you thanks and praise.

Through the power of that same Spirit, sanctify this water that your children who are washed in it may be united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Cleanse and deliver them from all sin; bring them to new birth in the family of your Church and make them inheritors of your kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord whom, by the power of the Spirit, you raised to live with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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

The priest may anoint the child on the crown of the head with chrism, saying:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace. As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, may you daily be conformed to his image. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

The priest gives a lighted candle to the newly baptized.

You have received the light of Christ; Walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The priest introduces the peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be with you always: **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. During the preparation of the altar, all sing the following:

HYMN

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.**

The priest prays the preface which concludes with:

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:

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.

All sit

The priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer which concludes with:

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

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

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

AGNUS DEI

All sing

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy 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.

Please follow the directions of the wardens to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Jesus took a piece of bread,
he shared a cup of wine.
"Eat and drink with me," he said,
"because you're friends of mine!"*

1 We eat and drink with Jesus
because we are his friends,
remembering his promise
of life that never ends.

Chorus:

2 We share with one another
the bread and wine he gives,
and celebrate together
the special life he lives.

Chorus:

3 We rise up from the table,
and go where Jesus sends,
to tell the world the gospel
of love that never ends.

Chorus:

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race, through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

We keep a time of quiet after the Communion Hymns.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All remain seated for the notices; then all stand.

THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious: **his love is everlasting.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All say together:

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries given us by our Lord Jesus Christ, by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love, now and for ever. Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

The priest gives the blessing which concludes with:

... 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.**

All sing the final hymn when the collection will also be taken:

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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