



*Welcome to The Mass*  
*Including Holy Baptism of Harold*  
*Welcome*



Today we also welcome into the family of the Church, Harold.

Harold's baptism or Christening, is an official marking of time - a time to celebrate his safe arrival, to give thanks for his parents and all who make Harold's life as it should be. It also marks the time of his second birth - his arrival into the family of the church - his extended family.

Harold cannot speak for himself today and so the decisions that are made, like so many we make for our children, are done for him, with his interests at heart - the decision to bring him up in the knowledge of God, that he is a precious and wonderful human being loved by God beyond measure and that in joining his wider family of faith we share the same joys, hopes and fears of all who are human.

This **Christening** (or baptism) does not insulate us against the world, rather it gives us the armour to deal with it! It gives us a language to use in the face of those who are not for us, a tradition which stands beside and beneath us, and a family to hold and support us. It is only a beginning - but a good one!

The **water** we use is like any wash before a journey - it refreshes and prepares us.

It's also a reminder of the waters breaking at birth and the waters of where life began on earth millions of years ago and over which God hovered in that ancient myth of creation.

The **oil** we use is just like the oil used at the King's Coronation - it marks indelibly, sealing in the promises that are made, using oil from the Holy Land.

The **light** we give, from the Easter candle, reminds us to always follow the light over the dark and the right over the wrong. It is a rather primitive but altogether timeless GPS.

So - whether you are here for the first time or a regular, you are welcome.

Do come to the altar when you are invited, to receive a blessing or the bread and wine of Christ's own gift.

Do **give generously** when **the collection** is passed around - it keeps the roof on and makes sure we will be open to the next generation of Guildfordians who need to hear that they too, like Harold, are the centre of God's universe.

## ¶ Please **STAND** for the Processional HYMN

### The Gathering

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

*All*         **Amen.**

Priest     The Lord be with you:

*All*         **And also with you.**

Priest     Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give your faithful people new life  
in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again may serve you  
in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

### The Gloria

*All*         **Glory 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.  
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.  
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 ☩ Father. Amen.

¶ Please SIT

## The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from Hebrews.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they

would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Reader For the Word of the Lord  
All Thanks be to God.

¶ Please **STAND** for the **GRADUAL** hymn

Reader Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Reader Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Luke ☩  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
All Praise to you, O Christ.  
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

¶ Please SIT

## The Homily

¶ Please STAND

## The Liturgy of Initiation *Standing at the chancel step*

*Priest* Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.  
Do not stop them'. We thank God for Harold who has  
come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.  
So I ask you all:  
Will you support him as he begins his journey of  
faith?

*All* **We will.**

*Priest* Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

*All* **We will.**

*The Priest then addresses the parents and godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.  
Parents and godparents, you speak for Harold today.  
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

*(God)Parents* **We will.**

*Priest* We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.  
Therefore I ask:  
Do you turn away from sin?

*(God)Parents* **I do.**

*Priest* Do you reject evil?

*(God)Parents* **I do.**

**Priest** Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**(God)Parents** **I do.**

**Priest** Do you trust in him as Lord?

**(God)Parents** **I do.**

## Signing with the Cross

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on Harold's forehead with the oil of Catechumens saying*

**Priest** Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

*The priest invites parents, godparents to trace the sign of the cross.*

**Priest** Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**All** **Stand bravely with him**  
**against all the powers of evil,**  
**and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

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

**All** **Amen.**

*The priest and family gather at the baptismal font.*

## Prayer over the Water

**Priest** Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All** **who keeps his promise for ever.**

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**Priest** We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

## The Profession of Faith

*Priest*    Let us affirm 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?

*All*        **We believe and trust in him.**

*Priest*    Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All*        **We believe and trust in him.**

*Priest*    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?

*All*        **We believe and trust in him.**

*Priest*    This is the faith of the Church.

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



## The Baptism

*Priest* Harold, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*The priest seals the water of Baptism with the Oil of Chrism*

*Priest* You have been clothed with Christ.  
As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
May God, who has received you by baptism  
into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.  
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Harold,  
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

*The congregation may greet the newly baptized as they return to their seats  
and blessed with Holy Water by aspersion during the hymn*

## Intercessions

*Leader* We give thanks for the church,  
the world and thank God for His goodness.  
We give thanks for the baptism of believers and  
especially Harold this morning together with  
thousands around the globe who this day will have  
joined the church through baptism.

*All* **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

We pray for the world - our King and Commonwealth;  
for our government and for the nations of the world.  
For peace and reconciliation and for the fair use of  
resources.

*All*      **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers  
this day.

For those who rejoice and for those who weep.

We pray for those who have died  
and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

*All*      **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

And in a moment of quiet we offer to God  
those prayers which another cannot say for us.

*All*      **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who  
knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance  
in asking: we beseech you to have compassion upon  
our infirmities; and those things, which for our  
unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we  
cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

Preparation of the Altar

OFFERTORY HYMN

*A collection is taken during this hymn.*

*Please give generously.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

Priest     Blessed are you, Lord God,  
              our light and our salvation;  
              to you be glory and praise for ever.  
              From the beginning you have created all things  
              and all your works echo the silent music of your  
              praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your  
              image, the crown of all creation.  
              You give us breath and speech, that with angels and  
              archangels and all the powers of heaven  
              we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All         **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.**

¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest     Lord, How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
              As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
              you embraced a people as your own.  
              When they turned away and rebelled  
              your love remained steadfast.  
              From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,

born of Mary, to be the living bread.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me. ✠  
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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:

*All*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,

and preserve her in peace.  
Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary, Nicolas, George,  
Catherine, Benedict, Helena and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with 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

Priest      At our Saviours' command and formed by Divine  
teaching we are bold to pray:

Our Father, which art in  
heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be  
done; in earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive them  
that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation; but deliver us from  
evil.

Fader vår, du som er i  
himmelen! Helliget vorde ditt  
navn. Komme ditt rike. Skje din  
vilje, som i himmelen, så også  
på jorden. Gi oss i dag vårt  
daglige brød, og forlat oss vår  
skyld, som vi og forlater våre  
skyldnere. Og led oss ikke inn i  
fristelse, men frels oss fra det  
onde.

*Priest* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All* **For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Fracture

*Priest* 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.**

### Communion

*Make your way to the sanctuary step to receive communion.*

### Agnus Dei.

*O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

### Prayer after Communion

*Priest* God of mercy by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and equipped for your service: stir up in us the needful  
gifts of the Spirit and make us worthy of our calling  
That we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love  
and joy and peace.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

*Priest* The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God Almighty,  
✠ The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Giving of a Lighted Candle

*Priest* 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.**

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Please REMAIN STANDING.**

*The Clergy and Choir process to the statue of Our Lady and Sing the Angelus.*

# Angelus

1. The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary: and she conceived by the Ho - ly  
2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me a - cord - ing to thy  
3. And the word was made flesh: and dwelt a - mong—

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Spirit. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with Thee Blessed art thou among women and  
word  
us.

12

blessed is the fruit of thy womb Je - sus; Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now

19

and at the hour of our death, A - men Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

25 Response accompanied

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. (Collect) A - men.

**We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**