

All Together Service of
Baptism and Confirmation
With Bishop Philip North

10 May 2026



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

Following Jesus on Mission



The Welcome & Introduction

Opening Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people who remain standing:

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

Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we are called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service.

The Collect

The Bishop says
Let us pray

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Please sit for:

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Action Song

Big Family of God

(Words are on the screens)

Short Talk

The young children are invited to sit in front of the dais.

The Liturgy of Initiation

The congregation sits and Baptism and Confirmation candidates stand on the dais

Presentation of the Candidates

The Bishops says to the candidate(s) for Baptism

Do you wish to be baptised

I do

The Bishop asks the candidate(s) who have already been baptised:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have

He asks all candidates:

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The congregation stands.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation:

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Bishop addresses the candidates for baptism

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The Signing with the Cross

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for baptism, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates for baptism have been signed, the bishop says:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

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

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

Amen.

The Bishop, ministers and candidates for baptism and confirmation gather at the baptismal font. Music is played during the procession to the font.

The young children can also come close to the font and the congregation faces the font.

Prayer over the Water

Remain standing as the Bishop stands before the water of baptism, and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

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

Loving Father,
we thank you for your servant Moses,
who led your people through the waters
of the Red Sea to freedom in the
Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus,
who has passed through the deep
waters of death and opened for all the
way of salvation.

Now send your Spirit,
that those who are washed in this water
may die with Christ and rise with him,
to find true freedom as your children,
alive in Christ for ever.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

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?

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.**

Baptism

*The Bishop addresses the candidate(s) for
Baptism by name*

N, is this your faith?

The candidate(s) respond in turn

This is my faith

The Bishop baptises each candidate saying:

N. I baptise you
in the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

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.

Amen

*The Bishop sprinkles the candidates for
confirmation who have previously been
baptised and then he sprinkles the
congregation with the baptismal waters as a
reminder of their own baptism.*

Then the Bishop says:

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the
household of faith with all who have been
baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day when
the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*The Bishop, ministers and candidates gather
at the place of confirmation.
During the procession music is played.*

Confirmation

*The congregation and candidates remain
standing.
The Bishop stands before those who are to be
confirmed, and says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and forever.

Amen.

*The Bishop extends his hands towards those
to be confirmed and says:*

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new
birth in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true
godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the
Lord.

Amen.

The congregation sits.

*Members of the congregation are asked to
continue praying silently for the candidates as
they are confirmed.*

*As each candidate kneels before the Bishop,
supporters of that candidate are invited to
stand where they are.*

*The Bishop addresses each candidate by
name:*

N, God has called you by name and made
you his own

*He then lays his hand on the head of each,
saying:*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant **N**, with
your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Bishop the anoints each candidate with
the oil of Chrism.*

*The Bishop invites the congregation to stand
and pray for all those upon whom hands have
been laid:*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit
more and more
until they come to your everlasting
kingdom.
Amen**

Then they are then welcomed with applause.

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given the spirit to dwell in our
hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Song

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten You have rescued me
Sing it out Jesus is alive
The empty cross the empty grave
Life eternal You have won the day
Shout it out Jesus is alive
He's alive

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place
Free at last meeting face to face
I am Yours Jesus You are mine
Endless joy perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive
He's alive

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

Oh what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me
And oh what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
I'll never be the same

The Eucharistic 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 thanks and praise.

Why is it right to give thanks and
praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful
earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to
celebrate. In these we taste your
kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully
different, to join with the angels and
proclaim your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.' Do this to remember me.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Lawrence and Saint Paul and with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

We KNEEL or SIT

**The Lord's Prayer 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 Bread

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Agnus Dei is sung by the choir

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.

Giving of Communion

The Choir, and Worship Group receive Holy Communion first, after which the newly confirmed candidates and then members of the congregation will be invited to make their way to the place of communion as directed by the stewards. Bread is received from the centre, and wine is available to the left and the right. Those who would prefer a blessing should come forward keeping their arms across their chest.

During Holy Communion the Choir and the Worship Group will sing.

Prayer after Communion

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

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The bishop gives the newly baptised and confirmed a lighted candle, lit from the paschal candle. When all have received a candle, the bishop says:

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

We stand for

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord, **now and forever. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

The Sending Out

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Please do join us in the Centenary Room after the service for
a light refreshment of soup and bread / coffee and tea

We would especially like to welcome all the friends , family and
supporters of our Baptism and Confirmation candidates
here today at
St. Paul's Church, Longridge

Luke Pollard

Emily Rachel Dillon

Logan Jack Morrison

Jacob Danial Walker

Noah George Shoi-Ming Ng

Leah Nicola Anderson



Notice Sheet for AM Service - 10th May 2026—Easter 6

Electoral Roll & APCM Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which is where we elect our church officers, will be held

**Tomorrow Monday 11th May 2026
7:00pm in St. Paul's Church**

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Sandra Fenwick
Sylvia Walmsley
Christine Parker
Doreen Seed



Ascension Day This Thurs 14th May



Ascension Day Service
7:30pm St. Paul's Church

Foundations -Thursday Night Group

Join us on Thursdays at 7:30pm
For **FOUNDATIONS** . We will journey through the core truths of the Christian faith - from who God is, how we are saved, and how we live. Whether you are brand new to faith or have been following Jesus for years, there is a seat for you. Meeting at St. Paul's Centenary room.

**See Rev. Jesse Adesina
for more details**

Blackburn Diocese Centenary BIG DAY OUT

Family Fun || Hog Roast || Open Air Worship

Celebrating 100 years of
Blackburn Diocese with a
party in Blackpool

Saturday 16 May

All welcome—Free of charge



BRASS ON SUNDAY

A Concert by
Longridge Band—
Sunday 7th June,
2026 at 2.00pm

In St. Paul's Church—
Admission: £12.50 payable on the Door.

New Foundation Governor Required

For Longridge Church of England
Primary School.

See Rev. Mike Barton for more details



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Next Sunday's Services - May 17th 2026 - Easter 7

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion' including Children's Church

at St Paul's Church / Live stream

6.30pm 'Service of Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church