

Worship in Song

Who has held the oceans in His hands

Countdown & Words of Welcome

Worship in Song

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise him
For he is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to his temple draw near
Praise him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again
Gladly for all we adore him

The Liturgy of Baptism

Introduction - What is baptism?

Presentation of Lana

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 Lana and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Lana with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents:

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Lana begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents:

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Paschal candle is lit.

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 her. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Parents and godparents: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Parents and godparents: I renounce them.

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

Parents and godparents: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Parents and godparents: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Parents and godparents: I submit to Christ.

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

Parents and godparents: I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Lana, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of the cross.

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 the you the
image of his glory, and lead you in the light
and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

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. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

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?

We 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?

We 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?

We 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. Amen.**

Baptism

Lana, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

Commission

We have brought Lana to baptism knowing
that Jesus died and rose again for her and
trusting in the promise that God hears and
answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus
Christ she will know the forgiveness of their
sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As Lana grows up, she will need the help and
encouragement of the Christian community so
that she may learn to know God in public
worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ
in the life of faith, serve her neighbour after
the example of Christ, and in due course come
to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty
to support her by prayer, example and teaching.
As her parents and godparents, you have the
prime responsibility for guiding and helping her in
her early years. This is a demanding task for
which you will need the help and grace of God.
Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding
Lana in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for
Lana and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom
and faith. Pour upon them your healing and
reconciling love, and protect their home from all
evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and
establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Lana, 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.**

Welcome

God has received you by baptism into his Church.

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We are members together of the body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God. We welcome you.

Song of Worship

In the darkness there's a light before me
And it drives away my fear
In the silence there's a voice that calls me
And it tells me you are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me
And will never let me go
Yes I know that you are always for me
For your word has told me so

I will follow you, I will walk by faith
You have brought me near
By your unrelenting grace
I will set my mind on the things above
You have won my heart
With your everlasting love

I was lost but then you came and found me
And in love you brought me home
I was dead in sin but then you raised me
I am saved by grace alone

Bridge

For no height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love
No height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love

Bible Reading

Hebrews 13.1-17 (*Church Bible page 1009*)

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

Sermon

Song of Worship

Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion city of our God
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes

See the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which like the Lord the giver
Never fails from age to age

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am
Let the world deride or pity
I will glory in thy name
Fading is the world's best pleasure
All its boasted pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know

Saying Sorry Prayers

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace:

Loving God, we confess that we are not what we should be. So we come now before you, seeking your mercy. Forgive us everything that spoils our life: the pride, greed, selfishness and envy that alienate us from others, and also from you. Forgive us our unkind words, foolish deeds and unworthy thoughts; our weakness of will and carelessness in discipleship. Work within us and, by your grace, make us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Holy God, we worship you; the one who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Accept our praise and adoration, for, as you delivered the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, so you deliver us from all that enslaves us, through the sacrificial death of 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. Amen.

Intercessions

At the end: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You laid down your life, that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, accept the gifts that we bring, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Go now and walk in all God's ways. Keep your lives free from the love of money; love your neighbour; show hospitality to strangers; pray for those who suffer torture and imprisonment and do not neglect to do good. 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.

Music as we leave

When I fear my faith will fail