

Worship in Song

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness

Countdown & Words of Welcome

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Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

The Liturgy of Baptism

Introduction - What is baptism?

Presentation of Ruby

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 Ruby and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Ruby 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 Ruby 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 him. 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

Ruby, 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

Ruby, 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 Ruby 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 her sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As Ruby 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 Ruby in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Ruby 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. Ruby, 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

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them - they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them - my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Bible Reading

2 Timothy 2.8-15 (*Church Bible page 995*)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song of Worship

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

Saying Sorry Prayers

Father we are sorry for the times when we have said or done things that are wrong. We are sorry for those times when we have failed to do as we should. Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

Father we are sorry for taking things for granted: our homes, families, friends, food and clothing and we are sorry for forgetting about those who are without these good things. Christ, have mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Father, forgive us for the times when we have drifted away from you and for the times we have failed to listen to you. Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. **Amen.**

Intercessions

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

Worship in Song

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

By faith, we see the hand of God