

Worship in Song

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Words of Welcome

Video - What is Baptism?

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The King of Love is my delight,
His eyes are fire, his face is light,
The First and Last, the Living One, his name is Jesus.

And from his mouth there comes a sound
That shakes the earth and splits the ground,
And yet this voice is life to me, the voice of Jesus.

And I will sing my songs of love,
Calling out across the earth;
The King has come, the King of love has come.
And troubled minds can know His peace,
Captive hearts can be released;
The King has come, the King of love has come.

My Lover's breath is sweetest wine,
I am His prize, and he is mine;
How can a sinner know such joy? Because of Jesus.

The wounds of love are in His hands,
The price is paid for sinful man;
Accepted child, forgiven son, because of Jesus.

Bridge

And my desire is to have you near;
Lord you know that you are welcome here.
Before such love, before such grace
I will let the walls come down (*repeat*)

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of Hallie

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 Hallie and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Hallie 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 Hallie 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

Hallie, 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

Hallie, 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 Hallie 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 Hallie 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 Hallie in the way of faith.

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

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bible Reading

John 4.5-42 (*Church Bible page 888*)

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

Sermon

Song of Worship

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

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 God's Forgiveness

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

Lord God, as you met the Samaritan woman at the well, so meet us where we are lonely and forgotten and where we are hurt by others, give us to drink your forgiveness and the grace that brings life again. Refresh all that we are, fill us with your love, and quench our thirst with the promise of heaven. **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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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 worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show:
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

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 love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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

The King of love is my delight