

### ***Worship in Song***

O great God of highest heaven

### ***Welcome and Opening Prayer***

Lord God, we have come to this house of prayer;  
help us to remember that you are here with us, to  
pray to you and sing your praise with all our hearts,  
and to listen to your word with open ears;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Hallelujah.**

### ***Worship in Song***

How good it is to sing, to bring our praise to him  
Whose love and mercy knows no end  
He brings the sun and rain, he calls each star by name  
The universe resounds with praise

O shout for joy to God and sing a new song  
Extol the Lord of life for his provision  
And he delights in those who love and fear him  
All those who put their hope in God

He gathers families, orphans and refugees  
And binds the wounds of those who mourn  
The humble lifted high, the proud He casts aside  
His justice faithful as the dawn

What friend or foe can last, before his icy blast  
The winds and waves obey his voice  
Yet mercy will prevail, his love will reconcile  
The nations of the earth to him

### ***What is Baptism?***

#### ***The Liturgy of Baptism***

### ***Presentation of Hattie***

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  
Hattie and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and godparents, the Church receives  
Hattie 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 Hattie 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***

Hattie, 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***

Hattie, 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 Hattie 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 Hattie 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 Hattie in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Hattie 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. Hattie, 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.**

## ***Video - Welcome to Church***

### ***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.

## ***Bible Reading***

Acts 2.42-47 (*Church Bible page 911*)

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Sermon***

### ***Worship in Song***

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

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

### ***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***

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

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

### ***Worship in Song***

O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear your voice  
Did not know your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up your word to me  
Through the gospel of your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify your Name through me

### ***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.**

### ***Notices***

### ***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.**

### ***Music as we leave***

May the peace of God our heavenly Father