

## **Welcome**

### **Worship in Song**

Who has held the oceans in his hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of his words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

*Bridge* You will reign forever

### **Saying Sorry**

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.**

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, you have entrusted us with the message of reconciliation: give us power to proclaim the good news to all the world; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading**

Matthew 28.16-20 (*Church Bible page 835*)

### **Worship in Song**

There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter  
The one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

He's our rescuer, he's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary  
Rest for those who strive  
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life  
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

So come and be chainless  
Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary

### **Sermon**

## ***Worship in Song***

God so loved, that he gave his Son  
To lay down his life for the sake of us  
He bore the weight of our sin and shame  
With a cry he said, 'It is finished'  
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive, death has been defeated

For he made us a way  
By which we have been saved  
He's the Saviour of the world  
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Jesus, Saviour of the world

We must spread the word of his soon return  
To reclaim the world for his glory  
Let the church now sing of this coming King  
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer  
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens  
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

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

### ***Presentation of Felicity***

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 Felicity and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Felicity 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 Felicity 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.**

## ***Baptismal Promises***

*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***

Felicity, 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.**

### ***We proclaim what we believe***

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***

Felicity, 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.**

### ***Living as a baptised Christian***

We have brought Felicity 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 Felicity 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 Felicity in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Felicity 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***

**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. Felicity, 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***

Felicity, 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.**

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

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures you won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (*repeat*)

In the silence, you won't let go  
In the questions, your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (*repeat*)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow you  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise.  
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) (*twice*)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (*repeat*)

Fire before us. You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (*4 times*)

### ***Prayers***

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

### ***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.**

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

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from heaven you came running  
There was mercy in your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory, majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By his blood and in His Name  
In his freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

### ***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.**