

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

The Renewal of Jowayne and Katie's Marriage Vows

Today we come to celebrate Jowayne and Katie's Eighth Wedding Anniversary. They will each renew the solemn vows they made then, and in token of this, their wedding rings will be blessed. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen both them and Arlo whom we also baptise this day.

The Declarations

Fr Darryl asks Jowayne:

Jowayne, will you continue to support Katie as your wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, continue to be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Jowayne answers:

I will.

Fr Darryl asks Katie:

Katie, will you continue to support Jowayne as your husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and forsaking all others, continue to be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Katie answers:

I will.

Fr Darryl says to the congregation:

Will you, the church family and friends of Jowayne and Katie continue to support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

Everyone answers bodily:

We will

The Collect

God our father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Continue to bless, we pray, Jowayne and Katie, joined in mutual love and commitment to each other. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Renewal of Vows

Jowayne says these words

I Jowayne took you, Katie, to be my wife;

Katie says these words

I Katie took you, Jowayne, to be my husband;

Jowayne & Katie say these words together;

To have and to hold from that day forward, for better for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law, in the presence of God we renew this vow.

The Blessing of the Rings.

We gave each other these rings as a sign of our marriage. With our bodies we honour each other, all that we are and all that we have we share together, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Fr Darryl says

Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to Jowayne and Katie a symbol of unending love and faithfulness and of the promises they have made to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing of Jowayne and Katie

Jowayne and Katie stand at the steps:

We thank you today for Jowayne and Katie, and for leading them to each other in friendship and love, commitment and trust, and for bringing them here for the blessing of their marriage.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace, that you may please him both in body and soul, and continuing to live together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

The Presentation of Jowayne and Katie
Greeted with prolonged and loud applause.

Bible Reading

Psalm 139- Read by Matthew Smith

Anthem

Look at the World (John Rutter)

Reading

Why God made little boys

The Baptism

Brothers and sisters, Baptism is a gift of God. It declares to each of us the love and grace of God given freely for all.

In this sacrament of baptism we remember all that Jesus Christ has done for us, the gift of his Holy Spirit to each one of us and the living water poured out on us.

The gifts he gives are through his grace alone because we do nothing to deserve them. Jesus commanded that we should make disciples, baptise and teach.

When Peter preached the gospel at Pentecost, he said, 'Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.'

The Request for Baptism

Arlo's parents and godparents stand.

Fr Darryl says to Jowayne and Katie:

Jowayne and Katie, having heard these things, how do you respond to the offer of God's grace?

We thank God, and ask that our child be baptized.

Hymn

O Jesus I have promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me;
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten, or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servants be;

and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
my Master and my friend.

5. O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my saviour and my friend.

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

All stand.

The water is brought to the font. Jowayne, Katie and Arlo's godparents gather around the font.

Fr Darryl says:

We praise you, loving Father for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may they know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

The Affirmation of Faith

Fr Darryl says to Jowayne, Katie and Arlo's godparents:

Do you turn away from evil and all that denies God?

By the grace of God, I do.

Do you turn to God, trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as helper and guide?

By the grace of God, I do.

Fr Darryl says to everyone present:

Let us declare the Christian faith in the words of the creed:

We believe in God the Father, who made the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, who redeemed humankind.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

The Baptism

Fr Darryl says to Jowayne & Katie:

What name have you given this child?

The parents respond with the names of the child.

Arlo Jowayne Marshall

for you Jesus Christ came into the world;

for you he lived and showed God's love;

for you he suffered death on the Cross;

for you he triumphed over death,

rising to newness of life;

for you he prays at God's right hand:

all this for you, before you could know anything of it.

In your Baptism, the word of Scripture is fulfilled:

'We love, because God first loved us.'

Fr Darryl baptizes Arlo.

Arlo Jowayne Marshall

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

Amen.

By Baptism, God has received you into the Church.

The people sit.

Bryn (Katie's Godson) lights candle and gives to the parents.

A representative of the local church says to Arlo:

Arlo receive this light,
for you belong to Christ,
the Light of the world.
Christ is your Light and your Way.
May you grow and live in the faith of Christ.

Amen.

All say:

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with kindness
and give you peace. Amen.**

Invitation for a blessing

You are invited to sit in silence for a while or come to the altar rail to receive God's blessing.

Prayers

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Arlo 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

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your people; keep us faithful to our baptism, and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Reading

May you always be brave- Read by Zoe Hickman

Homily

Based on The Oak Inside the Acorn

The Baptismal Promises

Jowayne, Katie and Arlo's godparents stand.

Fr Darryl says to Jowayne, Katie:

Jowayne, Katie I ask you now to respond to God's love and grace to Arlo by making these promises.

Will you love Arlo, committing yourselves to care for him in body, mind and spirit?

With God's help we will.

Will you, therefore, ensure that he is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

With God's help we will.

Will you set before him a Christian example, that through your prayers, words and deeds, he may learn the way of Christ?

With God's help we will.