

THE GATHERING

Please stand

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

A Mother's Reflection - Written and read by Michelle

PRESENTATION

The president addresses the whole congregation

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 this child
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

The president addresses parents and godparents

Parents and godparents,
the Church receives George child with joy.
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.
Will you pray for him,
draw him by your example into the community of faith
and walk with him in the way of life?
Parents and Godparents: With the help of God, we will.

In baptism George begins their journey in faith.
You speak for him today.
Will you care for him,
and help him to take his place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
Parents and Godparents: With the help of God, we will.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A letter from St Paul to the Galatians, chapter 3, verses 26-28

Read by Amy Milner

Gospel Reading: Mark, chapter 10, verses 13-16

When the Gospel is announced all use the following response:
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

THE DECISION

Please stand.

The president addresses George's parents and godparents

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

The president makes the sign of the cross on George's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All: 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 you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The president pours water into the font and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving Father,

we thank you for your servant Moses,
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus,
who has passed through the deep waters of death
and opened for all the way of salvation.

Now send your Spirit,
that those who are washed in this water
may die with Christ and rise with him,
to find true freedom as your children,
alive in Christ for ever.

All: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The president addresses the whole congregation

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

BAPTISM

The president pours water on George, saying:

George Joseph Rex, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

They are then anointed with the oil of chrism, with the words:
The oil of chrism, the seal of the Spirit.

The president then says:

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.

All: Amen.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We applaud the newly baptized!

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

PRAYERS AND BLESSING OF MILLIE'S ASHES

Let us pray.

Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of George
who has been baptized into your Church today.
Be with him at all times, by day and by night,
and may he always know his worth and dignity
as your precious child

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the parents and godparents of George.
By your grace, help them to live out the promises they have made today. Grant
them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their homes from
all that would harm them.
Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your
kingdom.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

We thank you too for the gift of Millie:
for her life,
for all the love she has received here on earth,
and for the love she now knows in your arms.
Give us confidence that she is safe
and her life complete with you,
support us in our grief,
and bring us all together at the last
to the wholeness and fullness of heaven,
where your saints and angels enjoy you for ever and ever.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

O God by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest;
bless Millie's ashes,
and send your holy angel to watch over them.
Though her time with us was short,
may she rejoice with you and your saints for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: 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.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Music: 'A Gaelic Blessing' by John Rutter, 1984

*Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

A candle lit from the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Jesus' triumph over death, is given to the family to keep on behalf of George and Millie.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
shine as a light
to the glory of God the Father.