

Welcome:

We rejoice today and thank God for the gift of life with George and his family as he comes for his baptism.

Lord Jesus, we have come into your holiness because you have invited us. We come joyfully into your presence because of the warmth of your welcome. We come in your name for you are the way, the truth and the life, we are all welcome here.

We light the baptism candle

Song: Light of the world

We say sorry to God:

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

Forgive us, Lord, when we run out of patience with others; when we run out of kindness for others. Help us, Lord, when we run out of confidence in ourselves.

Fill us up with all that makes for good friendships, and help us to use our gifts in your service. Amen.

Song: To the river

Bible reading and table talk: Luke 8:22-27

Song: Our God is a great big God

Baptism presentation:

George, do you wish to be baptized? **I do.**

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for George who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support George as he begins his journey of faith? **We will.**
Will you help George to live and grow within God's family? **We will.**
Parents and Godparents, God knows each of us by name and we are his. Will you pray for him and help him to follow Christ? **We will.**

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you George, parents and Godparents:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

George, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth, **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Prayer continues **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with George who is being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Baptism

George, 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.**

Commissioning and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray