

**Christ Church Holy Baptism 9.30am on Advent Sunday,  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

***Gathering worship and welcome***

***Welcome:***

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all*

***And also with you***

We rejoice today with the family of Jane and Jonathan as they thank God for the gift of life, and bring Margot for her baptism. **God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may Margot grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give these parents your sustaining grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 Easter candle and Advent candle*

***Hymn: We have come into this place***

***We say sorry to God:***

**Father God – we understand how you want us to live our lives, showing love and compassion, going out of our way to help others, as you did, but we know we don't always live up**

**to what you expect of us. Please give us your strength to be the people you want us to be. This we ask in Jesus' name Amen.**

***Absolution***

*Jesus says – 'Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more.*

***Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp***

***Bible reading: Matthew 3:13-17***

***Talk***

Do you receive *Margot* as a gift from God?

**We do.**

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?

**We do.**

Will you do all that you can to help and support *Jane and Jonathan* with the bringing up of *Margot* and *Theo*, her brother?

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

***Hymn: Father God I wonder***

***The Liturgy of Baptism***

***The presentation:***

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

Will you support Margot as she begins her journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help Margot to live and grow within God's family?

**We will.**

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

**Parents and godparents**, you speak with Margot today.

Will you pray for her and help her to follow Christ?

**We will.**

We thank God for Margot who has come to be baptized today.

Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church. Will you

support her on her journey of faith?

**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:

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***

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

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*

***Profession of Faith***

Let us affirm, together with Margot who is being baptized, 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?

**I 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?

**I 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?

**I 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.**

## ***Baptism***

Margot, 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.**

**Hymn: Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you**

## ***Intercessions and Commission***

### ***The Lord's Prayer:***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 forever. Amen.**

### ***The Welcome***

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**Margot, we welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

### ***Giving of a Lighted Candle***

Margot, receive this light. 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; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.**

### ***Notices***

***Hymn:*** You shall go out with joy

### ***The Blessing***

### ***The Dismissal***

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**