

Morning Worship and Baptism – 2 July 2023

Welcome and Call to Worship

Lord thank you for being here with us. Make us aware of your presence as we worship You. Speak to us that we might know You better. Fill us again with Your Holy Spirit that we would live for Your glory. Amen.

Psalm 80: 1-4 & 15-18

Song: Come, now is the time to worship

Lighting the Easter Candle

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and the mystery of human love. We give you 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 Seb grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give Nick and Rosie your sustaining grace and love; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We say sorry to God and to one another

Father God, please forgive us when we have chosen: to hate instead of loving others, to grumble instead of giving thanks, to be irritable instead of showing patience, to be unkind instead of showing kindness, to be drawn to bad things instead of doing good, to be unfaithful instead of being faithful, to be rough instead of being gentle and to be greedy and selfish instead of showing self-control. We turn away from these wrong attitudes and ask that You help us to stay connected to Jesus. Please fill us again with Your peace. Amen.

Prayer of forgiveness

In Jesus' name, may you know his forgiveness and peace.
Thanks be to God; Alleluia!

Sharing the peace

As the family of God we can help one another to be the people God wants us to be. Let's share the peace together as a sign of being part of God's family

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Song: Lord, I come to you

The minister says to the congregation and to the Godparents

Do you receive Seb as a gift from God? **We do**

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing for him? **We do**

Will you do all that you can to help and support Rosie and Nick in the bringing up of Seb? **With the help of God we will.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

The president addresses the parent and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and Godparents you speak for Seb today. Will you pray for them and help them to follow Christ? **We will**

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 turn to Christ as Lord? **I do**

The signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Seb.

Seb, 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 lives

May Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Prayer over the water

The president stands before the water of baptism.

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.**

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. **Amen**

Our belief

Let us affirm together 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.

The Baptism

Seb I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The giving of a Bible and Candle

Seb, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

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.

Our children and their leaders leave us for FLAMES

Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Bible Reading

Matthew 10: 40-42

Ending with This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk

A moment for personal reflection as our musician plays

Prayers (including the parents' prayer by Nick and Rosie)

Remaining seated we sing: Father God in heaven

Notices

Hymn: Go forth and tell

Blessing