

Lighting the Easter Candle

The leader, with the help of a volunteer, lights the Easter Candle

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to you be glory and praise for ever. From the deep waters of death you brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. Through him dark death has been destroyed and radiant life is everywhere restored. As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light may our lives reflect his glory and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. Amen

Hymn: Lord of the Dance

We say sorry to God and one another

Prayer of forgiveness

Dear God, you are a great and awesome God; Today we come to you in a prayer of confession We are sorry for the things we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry for the things we should have done but we didn't do. We are asking now for forgiveness for these things. Please forgive us. In your name we pray, Amen

In Jesus' name, may you know his forgiveness and peace.

Thanks be to God; Alleluia!

Sharing the peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus; We belong to him by faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of Peace.

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

We share with one another a sign of Christ' peace

Hymn: Great Big God

Sam has a problem!

Dramatised reading.

Table activity

Song: *Open the eyes of my heart*

The minister says to the congregation and to the Godparents

Do you receive Rodger, Penny and Freddie as gifts from God? **We do**
Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing for them? **We do**

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.

God-parents of Rodger, Penny and Freddie.

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.

God parents and parents you speak for Rodger, Penny and Freddie today, 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 foreheads of Rodger, Penny and Freddie

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

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

The Giving of candles

Rodger, Penny and Freddie, 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.

Song: *Let your light shine*

Prayers of intercession

(at the end) **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

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 this day 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen

Notices and Banns

Hymn: 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord, O my soul)

The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love, in time and eternity. **Amen.**

Song: *All things bright and beautiful*