



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 8 May 2022

Greeting and Introduction

As a shepherd gathers the flock,
so the love of God has gathered us here today.
Let us celebrate the fullness of life Jesus has won for us,
and place all that we are, and all that we long to be,
into his hands and give thanks.

Amen.

The minister welcome everyone and introduces the service.

Song

The splendour of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God,
And all will see, how great,
How great is our God.*

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God.

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

Confession

Lord God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call us, but we have not listened.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

We walk away from our neighbours in need,

wrapped in our own concerns.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

We do not stand up for justice and peace

and are apathetic about prejudice

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

God of grace, we turn to you for forgiveness

through the death of your Son,

strengthen us to follow your call

and live in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Collect

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Birthdays

We celebrate May birthdays

**Happy birthday to you
to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessings
be showered on you.**

Introduction to our Theme

Song

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone I've been set free,
My God my Saviour has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine.

Chris Tomlin

Bible Reading

John 10: 22 - 30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Talk

Rev Sue Vallente Kerr

Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The parents, godparents, supporting friends and candidate come to the front of the church.

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 her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

N, will you do all that you can to help and support parents in the bringing up of N?

With the help of God, I/we will.



Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

Parents and Godparents answer:

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and Godparents answer:

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The parents, godparents and candidate, move to the font where the Paschal candle has been lit.

The band plays – 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

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 turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

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.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.
Lord of life,
renew your creation.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Lord of life,
renew your creation.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**
Lord of life,
renew your creation.

Profession of Faith

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

Do you believe 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 the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

The Baptism

The candidate is named and baptised.

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Signing with the Cross

The candidate(s) is signed with chrism.

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.

The Welcome

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

*We greet the newly baptized.
The baptism party return to their seats.*

Song

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green;
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil;
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend

Prayers of Intercession

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 for ever. Amen.**

Song

He is the Lord, He reigns on high
He is the Lord.
Spoke into the darkness created the light,
He is the Lord.
Who is like unto Him never ending in days,
He is the Lord.
And He comes in power when we call on His name.
He is the Lord.

Show Your power, oh Lord, our God.
Show Your power, oh Lord, our God.
Oh Lord, our God.

Your gospel, oh Lord, is the hope for our nation
You are the Lord.
It's the power of God for our salvation,
You are the Lord.
We ask not for riches, but look to the cross,
You are the Lord.
And for our inheritance give us the lost,
You are the Lord.

Send Your power, oh Lord, our God
Send Your power, oh Lord, our God, our God.

Show Your power, oh Lord, our God
Show Your power, oh Lord, our God, our God.

Kevin Prosch

The Blessing

We have heard the voice of the Good Shepherd
We belong here with God's family,
but he sends us out into his world,
to turn our beliefs into actions.
We do not go alone.
The Lord is with us always,
behind us and in front, leading and guiding.
We go now in his name, and in his love,
may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us evermore
Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

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.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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