



ALL AGE WORSHIP – 9 FEBRUARY 2025 BAPTISM CELEBRATION SERVICE



Welcome to this historic church of St Peter's where God has been worshipped for over 900 years. If you are visiting us or are new to the church we extend a warm welcome and pray that this service may draw you closer to the love of God our Heavenly Father as we worship Him together.

Please join us for refreshments and activities for children after the service in the Church Centre across the road.

PREPARATION

Welcome

Leader: We meet in the name of God;

All: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Song

We want to see Jesus lifted high
a banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

*We want to see, we want to see,
we want to see Jesus lifted high,
we want to see, we want to see,
we want to see Jesus lifted high.*

Step by step we're moving forward,
little by little taking ground,
Every prayer a powerful weapon,
strong-holds come tumbling down and down
and down and down.

We want to see Jesus lifted high...

*We're gonna see, we're gonna see,
we're gonna see Jesus lifted high,
we're gonna see, we're gonna see,
we're gonna see Jesus lifted high.*

Step by step....

Confession (*we say sorry to God*)

**All: Dear God we're sorry for the bad things we have done
which make us dirty on the inside.
Forgive us and make us clean. Amen**

Absolution (*we are reminded that God is always ready to forgive us*)

**Leader: Jesus died for your sins, you are made clean and forgiven.
All: Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 23 Dramatised

We're going on a journey
We're following the shepherd
What a beautiful day.
We're not scared
We're not scared

Ooh, grass
Soft green grass
**We can't go over it
We can't go under it
Oh no, we've got to go through it.**

Swishy swashy
Swishy Swashy
Swishy Swashy

We're going on a journey...

Ooh, water
Gently flowing water
**We can't go over it
We can't go under it
Oh no, we've got to go through it.**

Splash splosh
Splash splosh
Splash splosh

We're going on a journey...

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon (*We hear what God is saying to us*)

Song **Every step**

With me, God is with me,
Yes, He's with me every step.
With me, God is with me,
Yes, He's with me every step.
I know God is with me every step I go;
I know God is with me every step.

With you, God is with you,
Yes, He's with you every step.
With you, God is with you,
Yes, He's with you every step.
I know God is with you every step you go;
I know God is with you every step

*And oh, the love of God
Is with me every day,
Every step I take.
He will lead me on,
Into His perfect plan,
Walking hand in hand.*

With us, God is with us,
Yes, He's with us every step.
With us, God is with us,
Yes, He's with us every step.
I know God is with us every step we go;
I know God is with us every step.

And oh, the love of God...

With me, God is with me,
Yes, He's with me every step.

And oh, the love of God...

Every step. Every step. Every step.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Baptism Families – Welcome and Photos

Renewal of promises for parents/godparents

Leader: Will you pray for your children, care for them, walk with them in the way of Jesus and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

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

Renewal of promises for all

Leader: Do you turn away from sin?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you reject evil?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus as Saviour?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you trust in him as Lord?

All: I do.

Blessing of the recently baptised *Gather round the font*

Leader: God of grace and life, thank you for the joy these children, who have recently been baptised, bring to their families and their friends. Bless *names*

(sign each with the cross using water)

May they be kept faithful to their baptism and grow to know you through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Relighting Baptism Candles

Leader: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Names you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father



Song **Our Father Everlasting (This I believe)**

During which the offering will be received.

Our Father everlasting,
The all creating One,
God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again,
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father...

I believe in You, I believe You rose again,
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.
(Repeat)

I believe in God our Father...

*I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth,
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection,
When Jesus comes again,
For I believe, in the name of Jesus.
For I believe, in the name of Jesus.
For I believe, in the name of Jesus.*

PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession (we ask for God's help)

Leader: God of love

All: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: As our Saviour has taught us, so we
pray:

**All: 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.**



CONCLUSION

Notices

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

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toil and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Blessing

This or another blessing may be said

Leader: God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Leader: We go into the world

**All: to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory. Amen**



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