

**Welcome to
Henry's Baptism Service
We pray your time with us here will be
enjoyable and blessed**

Greeting

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

Introduction

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10

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.

Ephesians 4:1-6

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

Sermon

Presentation of the Candidate

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.

Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Henry who has come to be baptised today.

Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as they begin their journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help them 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 for Henry today.
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?
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 reject evil?

I reject evil.

And all its many forms?

And all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?

And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?

And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him for ever?

And promise to follow him for ever.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised,
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.**

Prayer over the water

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,

and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

Amen

Baptism

Henry, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Signing with the Cross

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 life.
May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
Amen.**

Commission

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among
your people; keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Welcome

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

Dear God,

Be with Henry's friends – may they know joy.

Be with Henry's family – may they know love.

Be with Henry – may he know peace.

Be with Henry – may he know your light

As he begins his amazing journey of faith.

Lead him in the right path,

Keep him safe, and help us all to know you are with us,

now and always.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.
Amen.**

Song: Give me oil in my lamp

The Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen
and settle you in faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

