



Opening sentences

God is spirit.

**Let us worship him in spirit
and truth.**

The Lord is with us.

**Let us praise his name
together.**

Opening prayer

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn SoF14

**ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND
BEAUTIFUL,**

*All creatures great and
small,*

*All things wise and
wonderful,*

*The Lord God made them
all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,

Morning Worship Sunday 21st May 2023

The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
Cecil F. Alexander

Invitation to confession

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for
him
by confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

Confession

Come, let us return to the Lord
and say:

Lord our God,

**in our sin we have avoided
your call.**

**Our love for you is like a
morning cloud,**

**like the dew that goes away
early.**

Have mercy on us;

**deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and
revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

May the Father forgive *us*
by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us*
to live in the power of the
Spirit
all *our* days. **Amen.**

Hymn SoF593

**WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN
JESUS,**

All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit!
O what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and
temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be
discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every

weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our
refuge,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake
thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield
thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph M. Scriven.

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Talk

The baptism

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.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jesus said let the children come to me do not stop them.

We thank you God for Isla-May who has come to be baptised today.

Christ loves her and welcomes her into his church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Isla-May as she begins her journey of faith?

We will

Will you help her 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 Isla-May today.

Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

We will.

The president addresses the whole congregation.

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 Isla-May and uphold *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, 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 trust in him as Lord?

I do

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.**

Let us affirm, together with
those 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?

All 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?

All 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?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

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

All Amen.

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess
the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a
disciple of Christ**

**against sin, the world and
the devil,
and remain faithful to
Christ to the end of
your life.**

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.

All Amen.

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.

All Amen.

There is one Lord, one faith,
one baptism:

by one Spirit we are all
baptised into
one body.

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

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.

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

Hymn SoF 418

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle,
 The tempting sounds I hear;
 My foes are ever near me,
 Around me and within;
 But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
 And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
 In accents clear and still,
 Above the storms of passion,
 The murmurs of self-will;
 O speak to reassure me,
 To hasten, or control;
 O speak, and make me listen,
 Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
 To all who follow Thee
 That where Thou art in glory
 There shall Thy servants be;
 And, Jesus, I have promised
 To serve Thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow
 My Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
 And in them plant mine own;
 My hope to follow duly
 Is in Thy strength alone.
 O guide me, call me, draw me,
 Uphold me to the end;
 And then in heaven receive me,
 My Saviour and my Friend.
 John Ernest Bode.

Prayers

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.

Hymn SoF362

**LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR
 LOVE** is shining,

In the midst of the darkness,
 shining;

Jesus, Light of the world, shine
 upon us,

Set us free by the truth You
 now bring us,

Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
 Fill this land with the*

*Father's glory;
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
 Set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow,
 Flood the nations with
 grace and mercy;
 Send forth Your word,
 Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome
 presence,
 From the shadows into Your
 radiance;
 By the blood I may enter Your
 brightness,
 Search me, try me, consume all
 my darkness.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly
 brightness
 So our faces display Your
 likeness.
 Ever changing from glory to
 glory,
 Mirrored here may our lives tell
 Your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

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Parents and godparents, we
 are glad to have welcomed
 you here for the baptism of

Isla-May. Today she has joined
 us on our Christian journey.
 Baptism unites us with Christ
 and to his whole Church, on
 earth and in heaven.

Here, we shall do all that we
 can to ensure that there is a
 welcoming place for you. We
 will play our part in helping
 you guide *this children* her
 along the way of faith.
 Bringing up children as
 Christians has its challenges
 Isla-May will need to discover
 the story of Christ's birth,
 death and resurrection, the
 pattern of his loving life, and
 the teaching that he gave. We
 pray that *she* will come closer
 to God as *she* grows in faith,
 explore the Bible, and
 make *her* baptismal promises
 for *herself* when *they* come to
 confirmation.

As well as worshipping with
 the Church, Christians follow
 Jesus by standing up for truth
 and justice, and showing
 compassion to those in need.
 They are to be faithful and
 loving. The example that you
 give by prayer and the life that
 you lead will affect Isla-May
 for *her* whole life. Remember

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to ask for God's help, and pray for *her* often, as we now pray for you.

Keep us, Father, in this
community of faith,
the Church of your Son Jesus
Christ,
and help us to confess him as
Messiah and Lord
in all we say and do. We ask
this in his name. **Amen**

The blessing

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

Amen.

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