

## Welcome to Mulbarton Church

### Opening Prayer:

Welcoming God, you invite us  
to worship you and to be together.  
Sustain us with your presence,  
nourish us with your word,  
strengthen us in your service  
and send us out to live  
every day of our lives, in your name.

**Amen.**

### Song: 10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
O my soul,  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up,  
it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing  
Your song again.  
Whatever may pass  
and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
O my soul,  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love  
and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great  
and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness,  
I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons  
for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
O my soul,  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day  
when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near  
and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing  
Your praise unending;  
Ten thousand years  
and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
O my soul,  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.

### Introductory Activity: Connecting...or not!

### (Sorry Prayers) Confession:

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you  
our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, forgive us.

**All: Help us to walk in your ways.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.  
Lord, forgive us.

**All: Help us to walk in your ways.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, forgive us.

**All: Help us to walk in your ways.**

### (Affirmation of our forgiveness) 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.

**All: Amen.**

### Baptism of Aurora Valerie Coupland

*The minister prays*  
Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to 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.

**All: Amen.**

*The minister 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 this  
child and uphold her in her new life  
in Christ?

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*The minister addresses the  
parents and godparents*

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

In baptism Aurora 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:  
With the help of God, we will.**

*A large candle is lit. The president  
addresses the parents and godparents*

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.**

### The Signing of the Cross:

*The minister make the sign of the cross on the forehead of Aurora, saying:*

*Aurora, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.*

*Aurora, 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.**

*Aurora receives a blessing, with these words:*

May almighty God deliver you from  
the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and  
obedience of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest friend  
But wholly trust in Jesus name  
(Come on, every voice)

Christ alone  
Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
In the Saviour's love  
Through the storm

He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil (Oh)

Christ alone  
Cornerstone

Weak made strong  
In the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone  
Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
In the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all

### Prayer over the water:

*The minister, candidate, parents and  
Godparents gather at the baptismal font.  
The minister stands before the water of  
baptism and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**All: who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: 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.  
We thank you, Father,  
for the water of baptism.  
It symbolises our burial  
with Christ in his death;  
Our sharing in his resurrection;  
And our rebirth by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore, in joyful obedience

to your Son,  
we baptize into his fellowship  
those who come to him in faith.  
Now sanctify this water that, by the  
power of your Holy Spirit,  
those who are baptised in it may know  
cleansing and new birth.  
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.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Profession of Faith:**

*The minister addresses the congregation*  
Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the  
Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son,  
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We 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.**

**Amen.**

### **The Baptism:**

*The ministers pour water on Aurora, saying:*  
*Aurora Valerie, I baptize you*  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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.**

*The minister addresses the congregation, parents and godparents, saying*

We have brought this child to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for her and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ she will know the forgiveness of her sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As she grows up, she will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that she may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve her neighbours after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation. Therefore let us bear this child in our prayers and let us welcome her now.

### **The Welcome:**

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.**

### **Presentations:**

*A certificate, holding cross and children's bible are presented to the newly baptised with the words:*

Receive this book. It is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

*A lit candle is presented to the newly baptised with the words:  
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.**

Prayer for Children & Carers

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Aurora and all children  
and grant them your gifts of love,  
wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing  
and reconciling love,  
and protect their homes from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Prayer for the Baptised

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.**

### Song: The Splendour of the King

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

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

How great is our God  
sing with me  
How great is our God

and all will see  
How great how great  
is our God

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

How great is our God  
sing with me  
How great is our God  
and all will see  
How great how great  
is our God

### Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. <sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

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<sup>27</sup> "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>28</sup> "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

<sup>29</sup> Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

<sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

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<sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## Talk: "No Borders"

### Responding in Prayer (Intercessions)

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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: In Christ alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

### The Blessing:

Christ Jesus,  
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,

draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you, now and always.

**All: Amen**

**Sending Out:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**