

Welcome to Mulbarton Church

Sunday Before lent

Call to Worship:

Lord, we approach you
as people climbing your holy mountain,
hoping to meet with you there.
May we be changed by our encounter.
May we be strengthened
to face the world
with renewed courage and faith.

Amen.

Opening Prayers for Peace:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

A moment's silence

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have
discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the
hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,

hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.

**Help us,
who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end,
to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song: Be still
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.

Verse 2

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Verse 3

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

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Intro Activity: The Mountain Top Experience
Discussion on experiences of our lives we haven't wanted to end

(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 Annabelle Pippa Hyde

The Liturgy of Baptism:

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,
Lydia, James, Kirsty, Natalie, Matthew, 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 Annabelle 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 Annabelle's forehead, saying:

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

Annabelle, 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.

Annabelle 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: One more step along the world

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

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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 Annabelle, saying:

Annabelle Pippa, 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 Annabelle 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: Shine from the inside out

Shine from the inside out
That the world will see you live in me
Shine from the inside out
That the world will see you live in me

You know me and you love me
You fill me, so send me to...

Know me, love me, fill me, send me
Know me, love me, fill me, send me
Know me, love me, fill me, send me
Shine

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2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

⁴ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Luke 9.28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

TALK: Perspective and Peace

Our Prayers

Father God

We pray for Annabelle and her family as they start this journey of faith together.

Please be their guide and protector.

Help all of us in our own journey of faith to keep to your paths.

Amen

Lord Jesus

We thank you for our local school and for sustaining the staff, governors and children during this last week as they experienced an OFSTED inspection.

We ask that you will also guide the governors this week as they interview for the new headteacher.

Amen

God of all comfort

We pray for all those who are feeling sad or unwell this week.

Please be close to them and those who are supporting them. Give them strength and healing.

We pray specifically for David Pollard's family during this time of grief and preparation for his funeral. May they know your comfort.

Amen

We pray together this prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort

would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace.

For wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

**Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.**

We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace

Amen

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.

Responding in Prayer:
Place a Petal

Song: Amazing Grace

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Chorus

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

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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.