

Welcome to Mulbarton Church

Notices

- Photos AFTER the service by the font
- Donations in plate at back of church
- Bike Ride Results: almost £500 raised
 - Adrian away Mon-Wed
- Mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth:
 - Special Commemorative Communion Service
 - Funeral – bells and live broadcast in Church

Call to Worship

Lord, who calls the lost to be found,
who seeks to know us and be known,
we worship you.

We praise you for your constancy,
your faithfulness, your unending love,
and your undiminished passion
for the wellbeing of your people.

Amen.

Special Prayers for Today

As we mourn the death of Elizabeth our Queen, let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him has sustained the life of our
Church and nation:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and all the Royal Family; for the ministers of the
Crown and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For all people touched by Queen Elizabeth's devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For our own lives, giving thanks for all those who have gone before, and asking that we
might go forward with confidence and hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,
that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Song: Amazing Grace

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

'Twas 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, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that 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 first begun

Hidden!

(Sorry Prayers) Confession:

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of
Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, forgive us.

All: Help us to walk in your ways.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Lord, forgive us.

All: Help us to walk in your ways.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
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 Hallie Nancy

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 Hallie 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 Hallie's forehead, saying:*

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

Hallie, 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.**

*The candidates receive 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: The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

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Prayer over the water:

*The minister, candidates, 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 minister pours water on Hallie, saying:

Hallie Nancy,

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 them and
trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus
Christ they will know the forgiveness of their sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As they grow up, they will need the help

and encouragement of the Christian community, so that they may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve their 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 them 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 Hallie 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: My Jesus My Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
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Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Seeking the Lost

Responding in Prayer:

Place a Petal

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: Shine Jesus Shine

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

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

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

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
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Lord, and let there be light

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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

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The Blessing:

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
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.