

Welcome to Mulbarton Church

Call to Worship:

Today, in this service,
may we bring to God
not only the words on our lips,
but the praise in our hearts.
May we bring our honesty and bravery,
our anxiety and fears,
all that we carry in our hearts.
May we meet with Jesus,
who accepts us – flaws and all –
with forgiveness and grace.

Song: Amazing Grace

Introduction: Who is it!?

(Sorry Prayers) Confession:

Father God, we are sorry for the things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves.
Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people more and more.

(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 Leonardo Justin Curtis

We thank God for Leonardo who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

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. So I ask you all:
Will you welcome this child and uphold him in his 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 his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him,
draw him by your example into the
community of faith
and walk with him in the way of Christ?

**Parents and Godparents:
With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Leonardo begins
his journey in faith.
You speak for him today.
Will you care for him,
and help him to take his 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*

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.

The Signing of the Cross:
*The minister make the sign of the cross
on Leonardo's forehead, saying:*

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

Leonardo, do not be ashamed of Christ. He is with you forever.

All: Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, 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,
and lead you in the light and
obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

Slow Down

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.

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed through the deep waters of death and opened for all the way of salvation.

Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find true freedom as your children, alive in Christ 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 Leonardo, saying:*

Leonardo Justin Curtis ,

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 he will know the forgiveness of his
sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As he grows up, he will need the help
and encouragement of the Christian
community, so that he may learn to
know God in public worship and private
prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of
faith, serve his 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 him 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 Leonardo 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: Going on a Journey

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Talk: Package Deal

Responding in Prayer

Place a Petal

Loving God, every day
give us the courage to look and listen,
the ability to notice,
the determination to help,
and the compassion of Jesus.

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.

Song: Cornerstone

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.