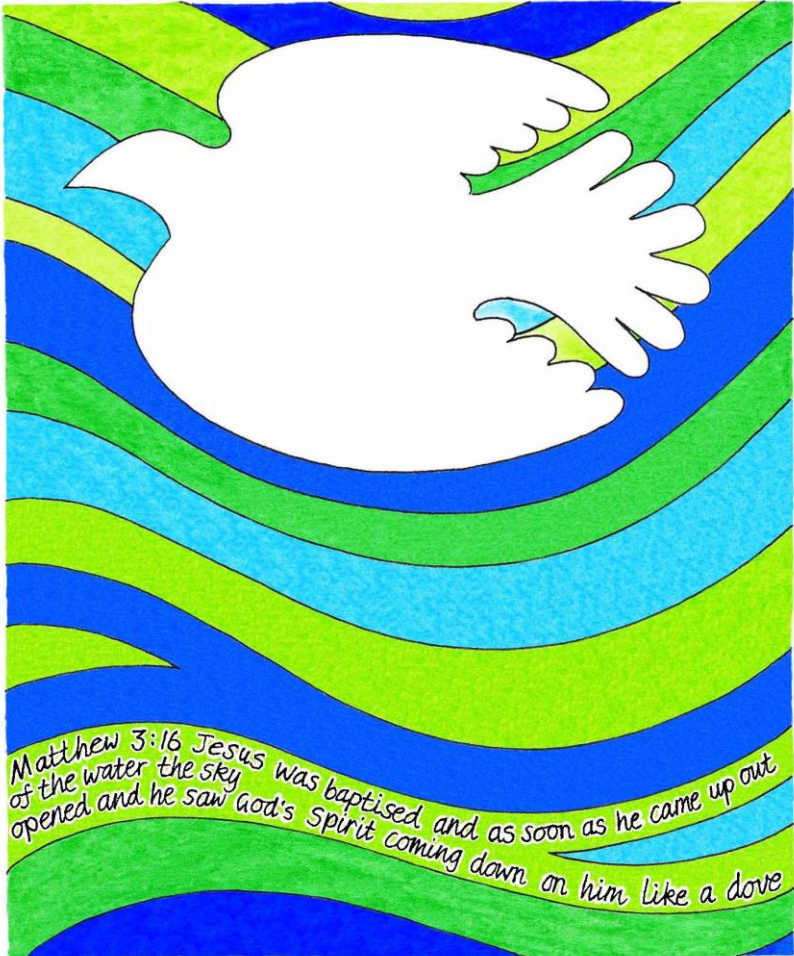


Baptism Service

Sunday, 4th August 2019

[Name]



Wesley Methodist Church, Chester

Minister to All:

Sisters and brothers,

Baptism is a gift of God, declaring to all people the love
and grace of God.

When Jesus appeared to his followers after his
resurrection,

He said

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to
me. Go therefore and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit and
teaching them to obey everything that I have
commanded you. And remember I am with you
always, to the close of the age.

We say together

We believe in God the Father who made the world.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his son who redeemed all
people.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit who gives life to world.

Thanksgiving over the Water

As the water is poured into the bowl

Sing Come fill my cup, let it overflow

We thank you for the gift of water.

Minister:

We do indeed give you thanks for the gift of water and the gift of the Holy Spirit active in the world since the beginning of creation. We give you thanks for Jesus, baptised in the river Jordan as he began his ministry, preaching and practising the gospel of radical, inclusive love. It is he who offers living water, life in its fullness and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit on this water, that [name] will be baptised into new life in the family of your church. Amen

Minister to the parents:

[name] and [name] today is a special day in the life of your family. You have brought [name] for baptism.

As [name] is so special to you, he/she is also very special to God, for each one of us is a unique and valued child of God.

God welcomes all children.

Jesus was born into, brought up and cared for in a human family.

He welcomed children and said that their loving, trusting attitude was exactly what was needed for those who would follow his way in trying to change the world.

[name] and [name] have brought [name] for God's baptism and blessing.

We remind ourselves that baptism and blessing is not dependent on anything we can say or do but is God's gift freely given to all who ask for it.

[name] and [name] what name have you given this child?

Parents [name]

Minister. [name]

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For you Jesus Christ came into the world
For you he lived and showed God's Love
For you he suffered death on the cross
For you he triumphed over death
rising to newness of life,
for you he prays at God's right hand:
all this for you before you could know anything of it
In your baptism
the word of Scripture is fulfilled:
We love because God first loved us.

Taking the child

[name], I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

[name],
God blesses you and holds you
May you know God's love as a reality in your life.
Amen

A candle is given

Receive this light, for you belong to Christ, the
Light of the world. Christ as your light and your
way. **Amen**

All say: **The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with kindness
and give you peace. Amen**

So, now we come to the promises to be made by [name]
parents and godparents for his future:

Firstly to [name] and [name]

Do you promise to love [name] and commit yourselves
to care for him?

Response: **With God's help we will**

Minister: Will you encourage him to be nurtured in the
faith and life of the Christian community that teaches of
the unconditional love of God?

Response: **With God's help we will**

Minister: Will you pray for [name] and endeavour to show by your example the loving way of Jesus.

Response: **With God's help we will**

To the godparents

Minister: Will you promise to support in your prayers, words and actions [name] and [name] as they bring up [name] in the way of love, shown to us by God.

Godparents: **With God's help we will**

The congregation please stand.

Minister: And so now I ask the congregation to offer its support to this family and the promises they have made.

Do you promise to pray for this family, to support them and encourage them, to share your faith with them and to journey together with them as we become a new and wider family of God this morning.

All say: **With God's help we will.**

Please sit

Certificates given

Minister:

Let us pray:

Gracious God, our loving parent
We thank you for your gift of children,
for the joy they bring to our common life.
We thank you for their zest for life, the interest,
excitement and fascination they find in so much we
count as ordinary.

Jesus, you who welcomed children teaching us
that we are all children of God,

Holy Spirit we pray you would fill [name] with
peace, joy and hope in you, and strengthen and
encourage his parents as they love him, care for him and
teach him of you.

Encircle each one of us with your love,
your care and your support,
this day and all our days **Amen.**