



St Peter & St Paul Langham

**Service of Blessing
after
Emergency Baptism
for
Samuel Lewis Smith**

**Sunday 9 August 2015
12:30pm**

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The Greeting

The president says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

All and also with you.

Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

4. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:

2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
Music: All Things Bright and Beautiful, W H Monk (1823-1889)
(Ancient & Modern – 533)*

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Thanksgiving Prayer for a Child

We rejoice today with the family of Samuel
as they thank God for the gift of life
and bring their child for blessing after his emergency baptism.

God our Creator,
we thank you for the wonder of new life
and for the mystery of human love.

We give thanks for all whose support and skill
surround and sustain the beginning of life.

As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family,
may these children grow in strength and wisdom.

As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood,
give these parents your sustaining grace and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give 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.**

Reading

¶ *The Liturgy of Baptism*

Presentation of the Candidates

The president 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 Samuel
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

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

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Samuel 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?

With the help of God, we will.

When he was baptized Samuel began 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?

With the help of God, we will.

We welcome Samuel, who has been baptized
and now comes to take his place
in the company of God's people.

The Decision

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.

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 Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Samuel, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn

1. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the end of day.

3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the end of day.

Words: Traditional
Music: Sing Hosanna, Traditional arr James Whitbourn (b 1963)

The Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

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.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**