

Eglwys St Ffagan, Aberdâr  
St Fagan's Church, Aberdare

ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH  
THE BAPTISM OF TILLY IRIS WILLIAMS

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

*When the bell rings, all stand to sing the hymn*

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
Interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!  
O still, small voice of calm!

## THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace and peace be with you: **and keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The priest may offer some informal words of welcome, after which all say:*

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE KYRIES

*All sing:*

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The priest invites the people to confess their sins, after which all say:*

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All sing:*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with God in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit*

FIRST READING

*Paul has written that both Jewish and Gentile Christians share in the 'boundless riches of Christ'. He now launches into this beautiful prayer, asking that they may know the immensity of Christ's love for all.*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Ephesians 3. 14-21)*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the King of creation.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was

blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going. (John 6. 1-21)

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*All sit*

## SERMON

### THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

*The priest addresses the parents:*

The baptism of its new members is an occasion of great joy for the Christian Church. In this sacrament, we are reborn as God's children, and are made followers of Christ, members of his body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. Will you accept these things for Tilly? **We will.**

In asking for Tilly to be baptized, you are accepting the responsibility of bringing her up as a Christian. In caring for her will you help her to keep God's commandments by loving God and neighbour as Christ has taught us? Will you pray for her, and draw her by your own example into the community of faith? **With the help of God, we will.**

*The priest addresses the godparents:*

Will you support and help Tilly's parents in doing these things?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*

Will you welcome Tilly and do your best to uphold her in her life in Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

## THE DECISION

*The priest addresses the parents and godparents:*

You have declared your wish for Tilly to be baptized. We therefore now invite you to respond to Christ's call.

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.**

Almighty Father,

you sent your Son into the world  
to destroy the powers of darkness.

Hear our prayer for Tilly:

deliver her from evil,

give her light and joy

and fill her with your Holy Spirit,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child who is to be baptized, saying:*

Tilly Iris, I sign you with the sign of the cross and claim you for our Saviour Jesus Christ. Never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. Amen.**

#### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The priest addresses the parents, godparents and the congregation:*

We invite you now to profess the Christian faith.

Do you believe in God the Father, the Creator of all?

**I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world?

**I believe and trust in God the Son.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life?

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## THE BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

*The priest, candidates, parents and godparents gather at the font; the congregation turns to face the font.*

We give thanks to you, O God:

**we bless your holy name.**

For your gift of water to nourish and sustain all life:

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through the waters of the sea you led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom:

**we give you thanks and praise.**

At his baptism, your Son Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit:

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through the power of that same Spirit, sanctify this water that your children who are washed in it may be united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Cleanse and deliver them from all sin; bring them to new birth in the family of your Church and make them inheritors of your kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord whom, by the power of the Spirit, you raised to live with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

Tilly Iris, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest may anoint the child on the crown of the head with chrism, saying:*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace. As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, may you daily be conformed to his image. **Amen.**

## THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

*The priest gives a lighted candle to the newly baptized.*

You have received the light of Christ;

Walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

*All stand*

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE PEACE

*The priest introduces the peace and then says:*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace. During the preparation of the altar, all sing the following hymn when the collection will be taken.*

1. Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**



Lift up your hearts: **we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest prays the preface which concludes with:*

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All sit*

*The priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.**

*The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer which concludes with:*

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

*All sing*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the directions of the wardens to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

1. This is my body, broken for you,  
bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

2. This is my blood poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

3. Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.

4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

5. Love one another – I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free;  
serve one another, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

1. There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One

*Chorus:*

*Thank you, oh my father*

*For giving us Your Son*

*And leaving Your Spirit*

*'til the work on Earth is done*

2. Jesus my redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Oh, for sinners slain

*Chorus*

3. When I stand in Glory  
I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy Place.

*Chorus*

*We keep a time of silence after the hymns*

*All remain seated for the notices, then all stand*

## THE SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

**his love is everlasting.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*All say together:*

**Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the blessing which concludes with:*

... and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

*All sing the final hymn:*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore!

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