

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

All Sorts Service with the Baptism of  
Callie and Miles Lucas

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

All Saints Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## THE GATHERING

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

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*All remain standing. The priest introduces the theme of the service; then he invites everyone to call to mind the wrong things we have done and said.*

*All* **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.**

*Priest* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## GLORIA

*Chorus* Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

1. Lord God, heavenly King,  
peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise. *Chorus*

3. At the Father's right hand,  
Lord, receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are the Lord. *Chorus*

2. Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all. *Chorus*

4. Glory, Father and Son,  
glory, Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high,  
we glorify your name. *Chorus*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for the reading*

### A READING: Ephesians 1. 11-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning. Let us, then, who were the first to hope in Christ, praise God's glory! And you also became God's people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. The Spirit is the guarantee that we shall receive what God has promised his people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are his. Let us praise his glory! For this reason, ever since I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you. I remember you in my prayers and ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him. I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how very great is his power at work in us who believe. This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength which he used when he raised Christ from death and seated him at his right side in the heavenly world. Christ rules there above all heavenly rulers, authorities, powers, and lords; he has a title superior to all titles of authority in this world and in the next. God put all things under Christ's feet and gave him to the church as supreme Lord over all things. The church is Christ's body, the completion of him who himself completes all things everywhere.

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

*All stand to sing*

## GOSPEL ANTHEM

**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.**

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 6. 20-31

*Priest*      The Lord be with you                      *All*      **And also with you**

*Priest*      Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke  
*All*              **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked at his disciples and said, "Happy are you poor; the Kingdom of God is yours! "Happy are you who are hungry now; you will be filled! "Happy are you who weep now; you will laugh! "Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and say that you are evil, all because of the Son of Man! Be glad when that happens and dance for joy, because a great reward is kept for you in heaven. For their ancestors did the very same things to the prophets. "But how terrible for you who are rich now; you have had your easy life! "How terrible for you who are full now; you will go hungry! "How terrible for you who laugh now; you will mourn and weep! "How terrible when all people speak well of you; their ancestors said the very same things about the false prophets. "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone hits you on one cheek, let him hit the other one too; if someone takes your coat, let him have your shirt as well. Give to everyone who asks you for something, and when someone takes what is yours, do not ask for it back. Do for others just what you want them to do for you.

*Priest*      This is the Gospel of the Lord  
*All*              **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All sit*

## THE TALK

## 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 Callie and Miles?

**We will.**

In asking for Callie and Miles to be baptised, you are accepting the responsibility of bringing them up as Christians. In caring for them will you help them to keep God's commandments by loving God and neighbour as Christ has taught us? Will you pray for them and draw them 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 Callie and Miles' parents in doing these things?

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

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*

Will you welcome Callie and Miles and do your best to uphold them in their 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 Callie and Miles to be baptised. 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 Callie and Miles:  
deliver them from evil, give them light and joy  
and fill them 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 baptised, saying:*

Callie/Miles 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

Callie/ Miles I baptise 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 by conformed to his image. **Amen.**

### THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

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

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.**

### THE PEACE

*All stand. The priest introduces The Peace and then says:*

*Priest*      The peace of the Lord be with you always:

*All*          **And also with you.**

*Priest*      Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We greet each other with a sign of peace. During the next hymn the collection will be taken.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

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| 1. How bright these glorious spirits shine!<br>What rapture they display!<br>How came they to the blissful seats<br>of everlasting day? | 2. Lo! these are they from suff'rings great<br>who came to realms of light,<br>and in the blood of Christ have washed<br>those robes that shine so bright. |
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3. Now with triumphal palms they stand  
before the throne on high,  
and serve the God they love  
amidst the glories of the sky.

4. Hunger and thirst are felt no more,  
nor sun with scorching ray:  
God is their sun, whose cheering beams  
diffuse eternal day.

5. The Lamb, who dwells amid the throne,  
shall o'er them still preside,  
feed them with nourishment divine,  
and all their footsteps guide.

6. In pastures green he'll lead his flock  
where living streams appear;  
and God the Lord from every eye  
shall wipe off every tear.

### THE THANKSGIVING

*The priest takes the bread and wine*

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.

**All 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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC 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.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is always right, wherever we are, to thank you and to praise you, God our Father and King for ever, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Through him you made us and the whole universe. When your Holy Spirit came to Mary, Jesus was born as one of us. He loved us so much that he died for us; on the first Easter Day you raised him to life; and death and evil were conquered for ever. At Pentecost, you gave the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised, to help us to live as your children. So here on earth, with the angels and archangels and with everyone in heaven we praise your name and sing:

**All Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father, blessed is the one who comes to us in your name; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, gracious Father, gracious Father.**

*We sit or kneel*

Father in heaven, listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name; through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove, may this bread and this wine be for us Jesus' body and blood. Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died, he took the bread; he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood – the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

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

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose again, we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us. Send your Holy Spirit to be with us and all who share this bread and drink from this cup. Help us to trust you, bring us closer together and welcome us, with all your people, into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

*The priest sings:* By him, with him, through him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours almighty Lord, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!

*All sing:* **Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Amen, Amen, Alleluia! And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!**

*Priest* As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

*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.

## THE COMMUNION

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

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

*We sing*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy;  
bearer of our sins, Lord Jesus, show us mercy;  
Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the whole world:  
give us peace, Lord, give us peace, Lord.**

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

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

*We go to the altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Let us break bread together  
on our knees,  
let us break bread together  
on our knees.

When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us share wine together  
on our knees,  
let us share wine together  
on our knees.

When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together  
on our knees,  
let us praise God together  
on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

3. Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

2. The Lord who left the heav'ns  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

***we keep a time of quiet after the hymns***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*After the notices, all stand*

*Priest* Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
*All* **His love is everlasting.**

*All* **God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* **And also with you.**

*The priest gives a blessing.*

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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