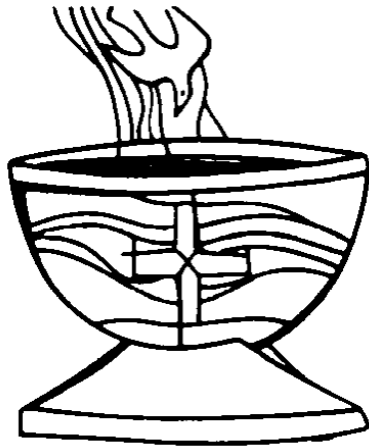


Celebrating the Eucharist with the Baptism of

**Ella Louise McPeake
& George William McPeake**



**The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings –
encompassing
St Peter's, Riverslea & St Matthew's, Hastings**
Christian communities in the heart of Hastings

11th August 2024

Baptism is the sacrament by which we are made children of God, members of Christ's body the Church, and heirs of the Kingdom of God.

*We celebrate with George and Ella,
with their parents, Kate and James,
and the godparents,
Sara, Jonathan, Samuel, Gemma, Sarah, and Iain.*

As we, the faith community at St Peter's, share in this celebration, it reminds us of our calling as God's children to represent Christ in the world.

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: Praise my soul...

Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

The priest introduces the liturgy

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

We sit

God our Creator, you have made all things good,
but we do not love you with all our heart,
and with all our soul, and with all our mind,
and with all our strength.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our friend, you forgive our sins,
but we do not forgive and befriend each other.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you love us and live in us,
but we often find it difficult to love ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God
we confess our sins.

Silence

God forgives you.
Be at peace.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Loving God,
grant that we your children
may never be ashamed
to confess the faith of Christ crucified,
but continue his faithful servants
to our lives' end. **Amen.**

The Proclamation

The Readings

A reading from Romans 8:14-17
The children of God

At the end of the reading:
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Blessèd are you,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**you have blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.**

Even before the world was made
you chose us to be yours in Christ:
that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.

In love you destined us for adoption
as your children through Christ Jesus:
such was your pleasure and your purpose,

to the praise of your glorious grace:
which you have freely given us in your beloved Son. *Ephesians 1:3-6*

Gospel Hymn: We are heirs of the Father ...

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:9-11
The baptism of Jesus

At the end the reader says:
This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

The Address

The Baptism

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

The candidates are presented by their parents:

We present Ella Louise and George William to be baptised
and made members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The priest says

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism.
Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and
encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of
God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's
resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

To the parents and godparents:

How do you respond to this promise?

Parents and godparents reply together

We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

Parents and godparents reply together

I renounce all evil.

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

Parents and godparents reply together

In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.

We reply

May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The priest stands by the font

Praise God who made heaven and earth
whose promise endures for ever.

We thank you God for your love in all creation,
especially for your gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel,
through the Red Sea waters
you led them to freedom in the promised land.
In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism.
He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.
It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us,
renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.

In the new covenant we are made members of your Church
and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit
fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth,
set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

The priest baptises the children, saying

Ella Louise / George William
I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. God receives you by baptism into the Church.
Child of God, blessed in the Spirit,
welcome to the family of Christ.**

*The priest makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on the baptised,
saying*

We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

A lighted candle is given, with the words

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.
Shine with the light of Christ.

Praise to God who has given us life.
Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.

Blessed be God. JESUS IS LORD!

The priest then asks the parents and godparents of the newly baptised

What is your faith?

Parents and godparents reply together

I believe and trust in God the Father,
maker and sustainer of all things,
and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth.
This is my faith.

The priest speaks to the parents and godparents

How then will you care and support George and Ella?

The parents and godparents reply together

I will love these children
and share my faith with them.

The priest says to everyone

As the community of faith,
we rejoice at this baptism and will share with love Ella and George
what we ourselves have received:
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God,
a desire to follow the way of Christ,
and food for the journey.

God bless you with wisdom and love,
may Ella and George find in you,
your homes and families,
Christ's love and understanding. **Amen.**

The priest, with the people, pray

God of love,

we thank you for our calling

to be disciples of Christ.

Help us to nurture these children in the faith we share.

May they grow to love, worship, and serve you,

and bring life to the world. Amen.

The Celebration of Faith

We stand and the priest says

Let us rejoice with those who have committed themselves to Christ
and celebrate the faith of our baptism.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

We sit

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, especially for those, lay and ordained, who minister in our parish...

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world.

Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others.

God of love,

grant our prayer.

We pray for all people, especially those places where there is war...

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom and the desire to work for peace.

God of love,

grant our prayer.

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area...

God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love,

grant our prayer.

We pray for those in need, who are sick, and for those with any other problems...

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who help them.

God of love,

grant our prayer.

We remember all those who have died and shared with us love of God...

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may know your care for them.

God of love,
grant our prayer.

We pray for ourselves all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet...

Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, that we may be living expressions of your love.

God of love,
grant our prayer.

The Peace

We stand

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

As the gifts of the people are placed on the altar-table we sing

Offertory Hymn: New child of God...

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing, though if needs be, feel free to sit.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Honour and worship are indeed your due,
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,
for you created all things;
by your will they were created,
and for your glory they have their being.

In your loving purpose you chose us
before the foundation of the world to be your people.
Above all we give you thanks and praise
for you grace in sending Jesus Christ,
not for any merit of our own
but when we had turned away from you.
We were bound in sin,
but in your compassion you redeemed us,
reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ.
In your Son you suffered with us and for us,
offering us the healing riches of salvation
and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Through the waters of baptism,
in which we die to sin and rise to new life,
you have made us members of Christ, the children of God,
and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say

**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 glory and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,
he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After Supper he took the cup;
and when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace
and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that this bread we eat and this wine we drink
may be to us the body and blood of Christ.

Renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,
as we offer you our songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

As Christ teaches us we pray, singing

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence

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

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Everyone who is baptised is welcome to receive communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine) though feel free to receive only the bread.

We do not, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine.

Post Communion Song: I have called you by name...

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
**Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Dismissal of the Community

The priest blesses us.

Final Hymn: Carry your candle...
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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