

**St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green**  
**Order for All-Age Service and the Baptism of Eliza Andreas and**  
**Theo Craddock**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

*Welcome and Notices*

Jesus welcomes everyone. Are you ready to meet God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

**We're ready!**

**Lord direct our thoughts and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship in spirit and truth,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Hymn: 358 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.*

*Setting the scene*

*Confession*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our  
sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our  
lives;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn  
away from you  
by temptations in the world about  
us;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

*Absolution:*

May the God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us to be holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Baptism of Eliza Andreas and Theo Craddock**

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.**

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan  
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.  
The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove  
and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.  
Here is the door of faith,  
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.  
As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters,  
and called out to proclaim the wonders of him  
who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

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

### **Presentation of the Candidates**

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

We thank God for Eliza and Theo who have come to be baptized today.  
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

So I ask you all (the whole congregation):  
Will you support Eliza and Theo as they begin their journey of faith?  
*All* **We will.**  
Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?  
*All* **We will.**

*To the Parents and Godparents:*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Eliza and Theo today.

Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

**We will.**

### **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 Parents and God Parents:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

### **Signing with the Cross**

*The Minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Eliza and Theo, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

*All*     **Stand bravely with him  
          against all the powers of evil,  
          and remain faithful to Christ  
          to the end of your lives.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

*The Minister and Candidates gather at the font.*

Praise God who made heaven and earth  
**All who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Minister says a prayer over the water:*

We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers  
to baptize all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever.  
**All Amen.**

### **Profession of faith**

Let us all affirm,  
together with Eliza and Theo who are being baptized,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the  
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

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

## **Baptism**

*The Minister pours water on each candidate, saying*

Eliza Rose Andreas,  
I baptize you in the name of the Father  
And of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Theo James Craddock  
I baptize you in the name of the Father  
And of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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. **Amen**

## **Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Eliza and Theo, 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.**

*Congregation greet the newly baptized.*

## **Prayers**

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Eliza and Theo  
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,  
And protect their homes from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole creation will be made perfect  
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn:678 In Christ Alone*

*Readings:*  
Malachi 3:1-4

**3** 'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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

Mark 1:1-8

**1** The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way"

<sup>3</sup> "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing

their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

*Talk*

*Hymn: 748 O Jesus I have Promised*

*Prayers*

*We may use the response:*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our Prayer**

We will bring all our prayers together with the Lord's Prayer...

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Hymn: 258 O Thou who camest from above.*

*Blessing.*

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
The power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Are you ready to go out into the world to share God's love with everyone?

**We're ready!**