

St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green
Order for Morning Prayer and the Baptism of Amelie Durell
August 15th 2021

Welcome and Notices

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in His image
to the praise and glory of His name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Hymn: 422 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever.
Amen.**

Baptism of Amelie Durell

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 Amelie who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all (the whole congregation):
Will you support Amelie as she begins her journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help her 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 Amelie today.

Will you pray for her, and help her 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 Amelie, 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 Amelie who is 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

Amelie Theodora Ali Durell,
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:
Amelie, 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 Amelie
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.

Readings:

Ephesians 4:14-16 and 25 to 5:2 (p.1175)

John 6: 35 and 41-51 (p.1070)

Talk

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

Prayers

These may use the response:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ. Amen**

Silence may be kept.

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

Final Hymn: 448 I Come with Joy

The Conclusion

May the Lord bless us and watch over us
the Lord make His face shine upon us
and be gracious to us
the Lord look kindly on us
and give us peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the Name of Christ. Amen