

St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green
Order for All-Age Service and the Baptism of Amelia Baloha
August 1st 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**

First Hymn: 631 Fight the Good Fight

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 Amelia Baloha

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 Amelia 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 Amelia 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 Amelia 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 Amelia,
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 Amelia 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

Amelia Eloise Baloha,
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:
Amelia, 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 Amelia
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:

Hebrews 12:1-3

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed

the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Talk

Hymn: 258 O thou who camest from above.

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.**

Final Hymn:

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
the light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing away.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath and of the sinless boy:
for now the flow'rs of Nazareth in ev'ry heart may grow;
now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still:
for though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:
for he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ our Lord, by heav'n adored, is mighty now to save.

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!