

# All Age Worship

## 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Theme: Thomas**  
**“Doubt to Certainty”**





# Welcome and Introduction





Bible verse of the year 2024 - 2025

**‘For all who are  
led by the  
Spirit of God are  
children of God’**

Romans 8 : 14

## A Prayer for Growth

**God of mission  
who alone brings growth to your church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning  
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.  
Help our Partnership of Churches to grow in numbers  
in spiritual commitment to you  
and in service to our Swindon community  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

# Gathering Prayer

Living God, may we open the doors of our churches and be people of welcome.

May we open the doors of our homes and be people of hospitality.

May we open the doors of our lives and be people of faith.

May we open the doors of our hearts and be people of compassion, that we may witness to your love and your generosity.

In Jesus' name.

**Amen**

# Cornerstone

## Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
**(Repeat)**



## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord

Lord of all





## Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

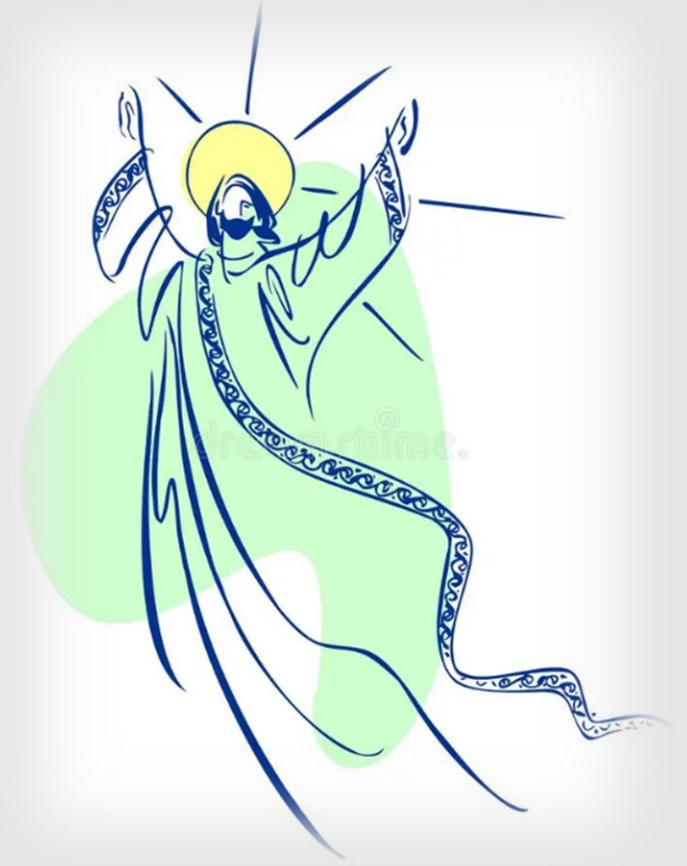
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## Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne



**Saying sorry prayer**

**Forgiving God,  
for the times we are stubborn and proud;  
for the times we are absent and unavailable;  
for the times we are dismissive and unbelieving;  
for all the times when we avoid your calling on our  
lives, forgive us, restore us,  
and empower us to be your disciples in the world  
today.      Thank you.**

**Amen.**

Gracious Lord,  
as you forgave Thomas,  
forgive us when we don't believe;  
when we struggle with what everyone else finds  
obvious;  
when we find it hard to share the joy of others.  
Amen.

Dramatized reading

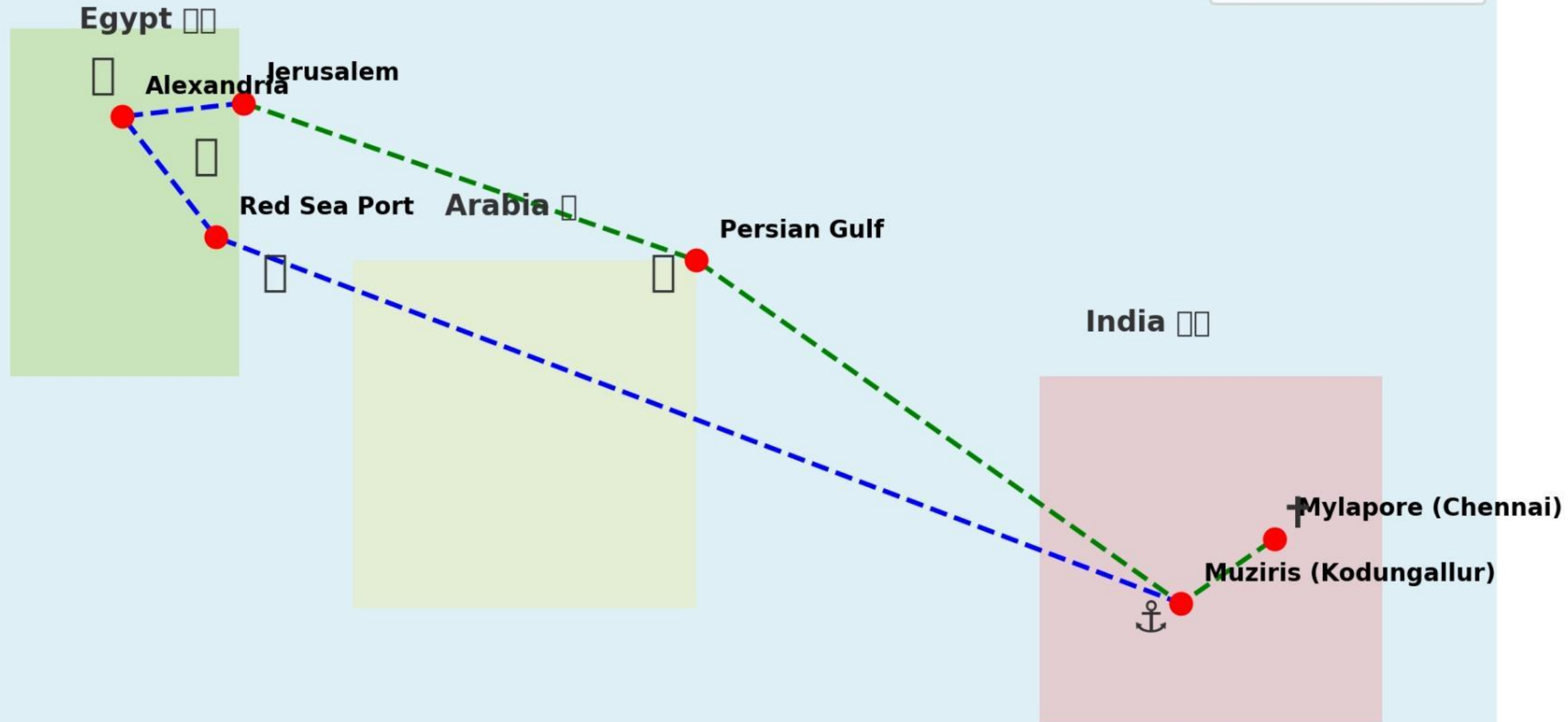
# John 20: 19-32





# St Thomas' Journey to India

- Sea Route
- Overland + Sea



What's  
in the  
bag?



**Open our eyes Lord**

Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus

Bob Cull CCLI Song #1572

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# Jesus name above all names

Jesus, Name above all names,  
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Nadia Hearn (b. 1940)

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# Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives

## Verse 1

Jesus stand among us  
At the meeting of our lives  
Be our sweet agreement  
At the meeting of our eyes

## Chorus

O Jesus we love You  
So we gather here  
Join our hearts in unity  
And take away our fear

# Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives

Verse 2

So to You we're gathering  
Out of each and every land  
Christ the love between us  
At the joining of our hands

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Graham Kendrick

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## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Baptism

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the pascal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.



Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All : I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All: I renounce them.**

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

**All: I repent of them.**



In baptism God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light

Therefore, I ask:

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.**

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,  
give you the strength to continue in the Way.

# The Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you as his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin,  
the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ  
to the end of your life.**

May Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

# The Prayer over the water

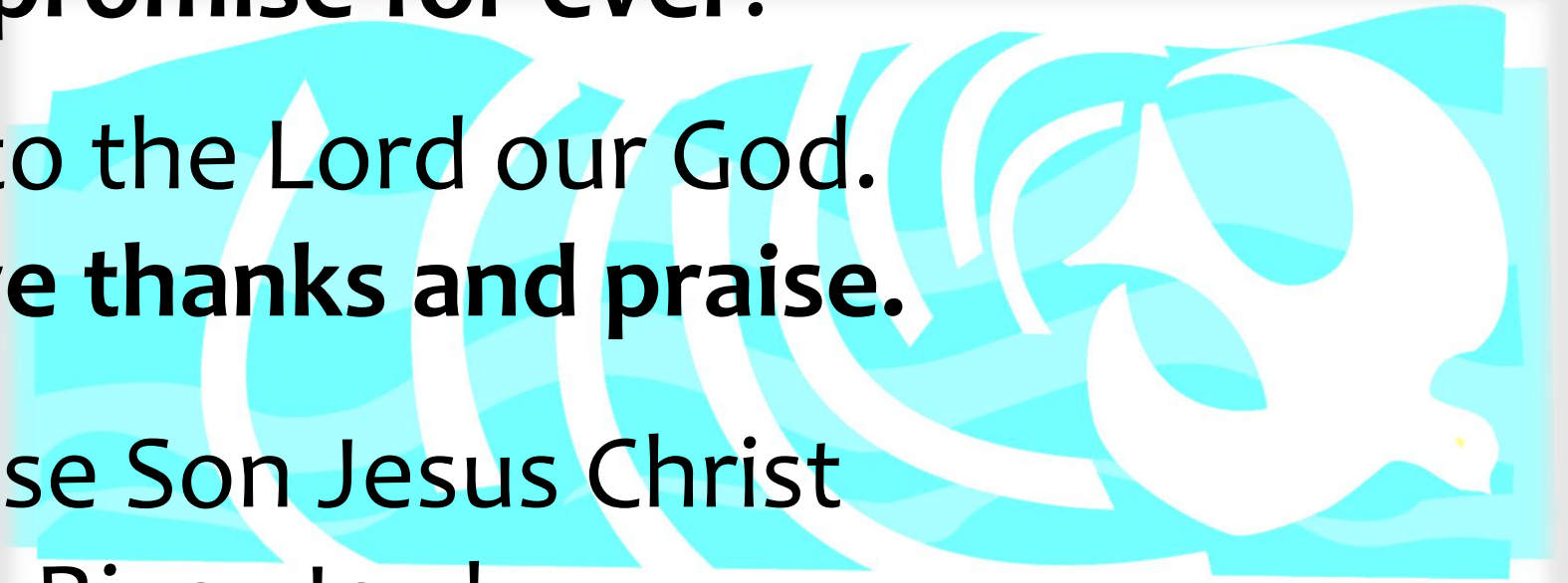
Praise God who made heaven and earth

**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.**

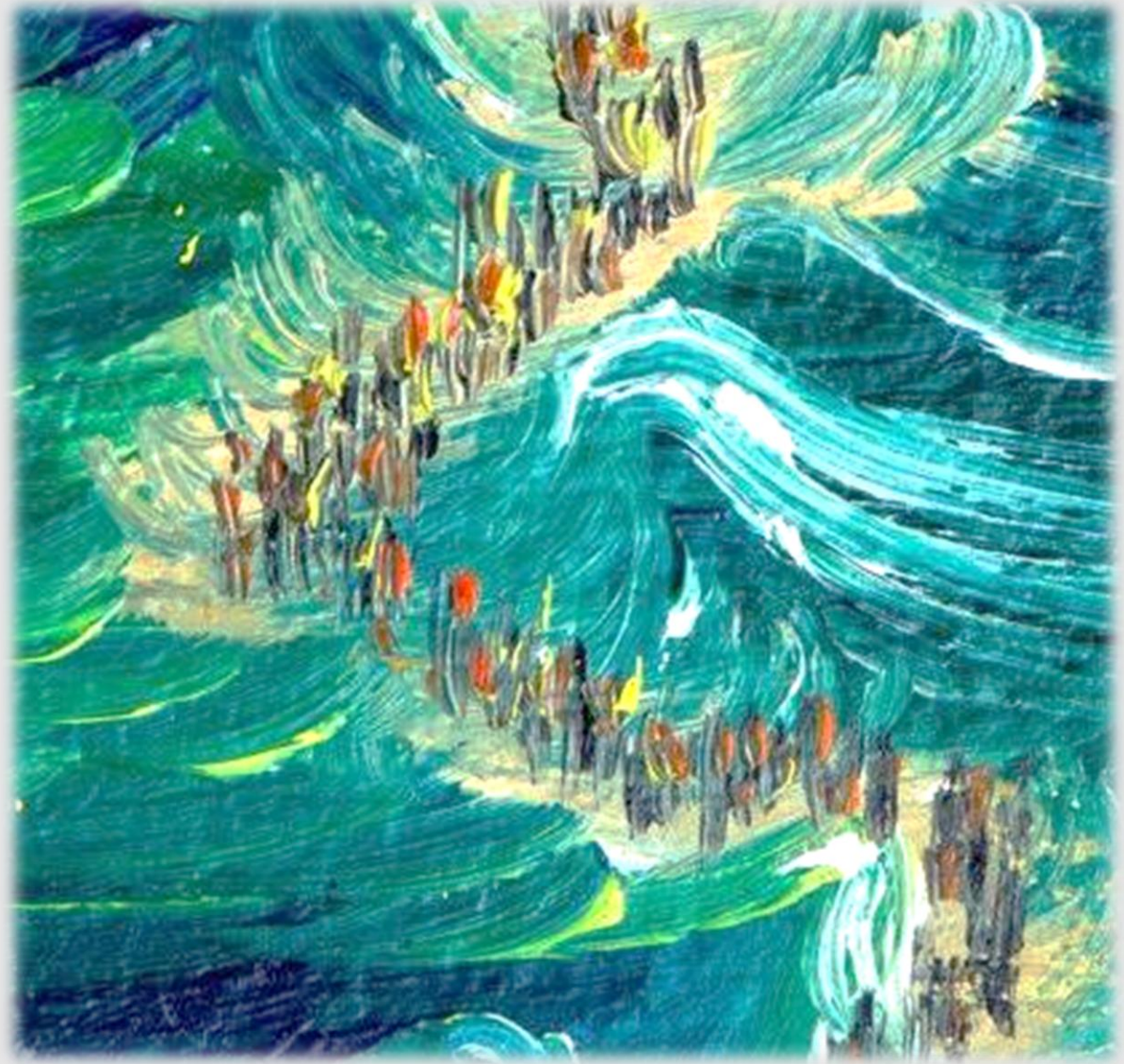
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptised in the River Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse and revive us.





We thank you that through  
the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of  
slavery to freedom in the  
Promised Land.

We thank you that through  
the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son and  
raised him to life triumph.



Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.





Send your Holy Spirit  
upon them, bring them  
to new birth in the  
household of faith and  
raise them with Christ to  
full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty,  
authority and power are  
yours, now and for ever.

**Amen**



## The Profession of Faith – The Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess,  
with this candidate, the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth?

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



Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

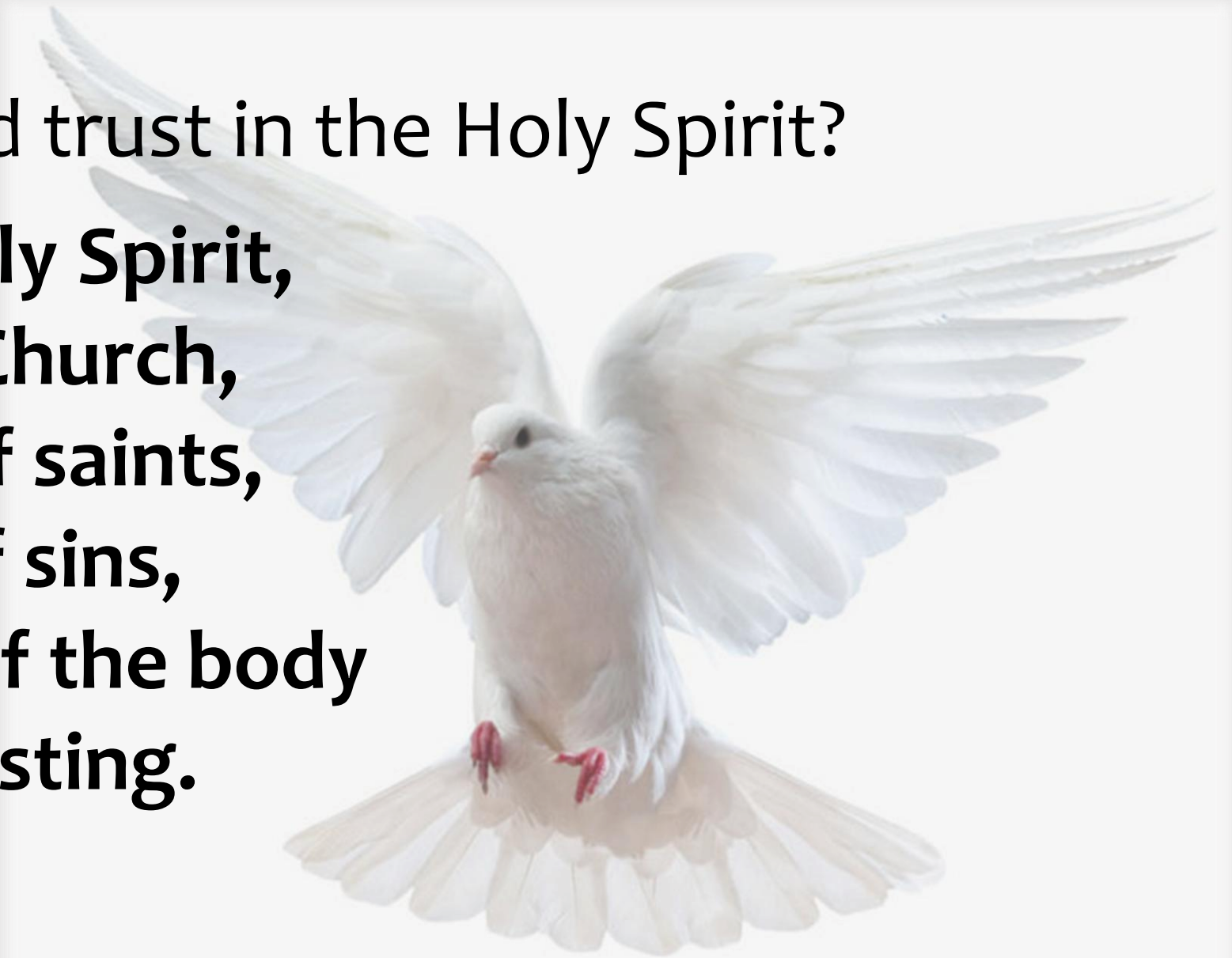
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead,  
on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the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



Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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 Baptism

Alex, is this your faith?

This is my faith



Alex, I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

You have been clothed with Christ.

As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ.



May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon 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**



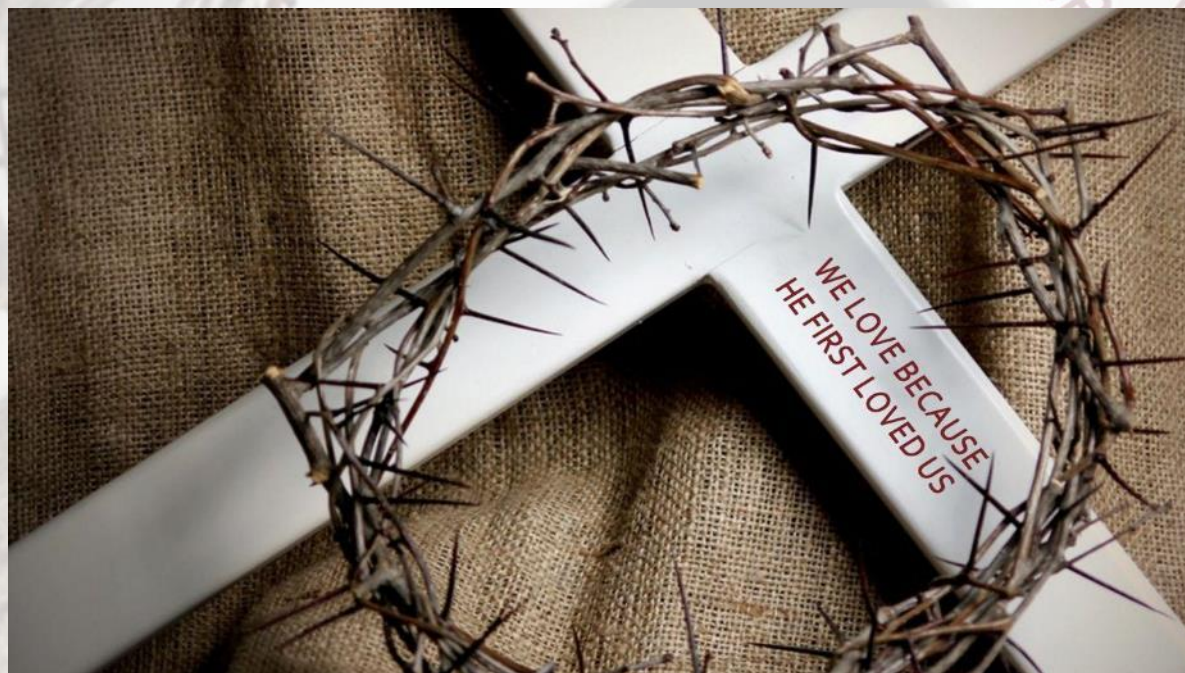
Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the  
household of faith with all those who have  
been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to  
our baptism and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect  
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**



May Christ dwell in your hearts  
through faith, that you may be  
rooted and grounded in love and  
bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen**



Giving of a lighted candle

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.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen**



# The Welcome

Receive this light.

This is to show you have  
past from darkness to light.

**Shine as a light in the world to  
the glory of God the Father.**





There is one Lord, one faith,  
one baptism: by one Spirit we  
are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the  
fellowship of faith; we are  
children of the same heavenly  
Father; we welcome you.**





We join together to sing this blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you  
make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace. (repeat)**

**A... ..men, amen, amen**

**A... ..men, amen, amen**



**Our Father in heaven  
You are good and holy**

**May your love fill the world  
May we do what You want  
Here on earth, just like in heaven**

**Give us the food we need today  
Forgive us when we do wrong  
And help us forgive others too**

**Keep us safe from bad things  
For You are strong and good  
Now and forever**

**Amen**

# Commissioning prayer.

Commissioning of our children and youth leaders involved in Sunday club and messy church and the ministry of Christian teachers in our local schools

To the helpers:

Will you support, encourage and teach our children and young people the wonder of the Christian faith depending on the living God for his guidance?

Helper: **I will with the help of God.**

To the congregation:

Will you support and encourage and pray for the children, young people and helpers in all possible ways?

Congregation: **with the help of God, we will.**

Minister: May God bless all of us in this vital ministry and may our work with children and young people grow through this year. **AMEN**

# Who do you say I am

## Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

## Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am



Verse 2

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me

I am who you say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

## **Sending out prayer**

You need not doubt that God loves you

You need not be afraid of what others think of you

You need not be ashamed when you have only a little faith

For God knows and cares for you and says through His Son,

“Go in peace”

Growing in Jesus and community.

**Amen**

## The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home



And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know

And I will trust in You alone  
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For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home



He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights

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# The Blessing





Family News

What's going on?







