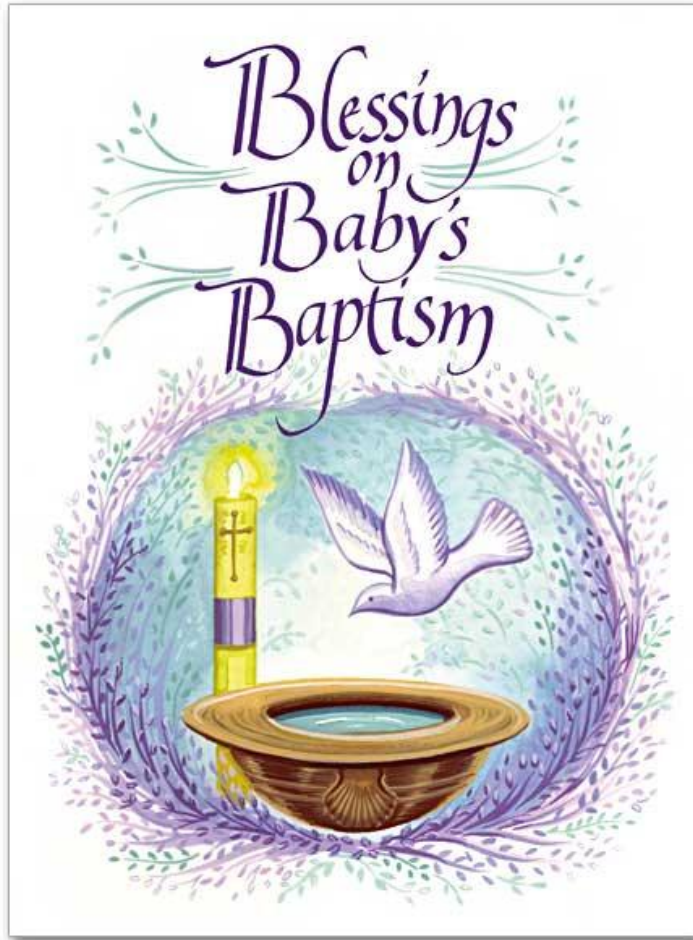


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Musical Prelude

**Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples
Welcome & Life & Work of St. James**



Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the Community Candle

Introit: *In Loving Partnership We Come*

Choirs, 603

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(You are invited to share in signs of peace with your neighbours and friends.)

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As we gather to worship You, Holy One,

All: show us Your presence, O God.

One: As we join to pray Exalted One,

All: show us Your ways, O God.

One: As we unite our voices to praise You, Lover of Justice,

All: show us Your glory, O God.

One: As we tremble in the cleft of the rock, silently awaiting You, Merciful One,

All: show us Your goodness, O God.

One: Let the earth shake in Your praise, Most High!

All: We extol Your great and awesome Name, ever-present God!

Opening Prayer: (together) Holy God, we are here because we wish to make a start to a week that will be centred in You. Let the prayer, the scripture, and the hymns nourish our souls and prepare us for our week. We wish to savour in our

hearts this feeling of worshipful living, making it easier to find it amidst the tasks of daily life. We hope to store Your wisdom in our minds, so that it informs our words and actions in the days to come. And we look forward to going from here to enjoy living in the midst of Your abundant grace, recommitted to being messengers of Your love. We are grateful that we always carry with us bread for the journey in the words that Jesus gave us to pray, Our Father... Amen.

Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* 315

Children's Time

Celebrating belonging: the Sacrament of Baptism

The narrative Presentation Promises



Congregational Promise: (together, standing as you are able)

We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family has made this day. And we pledge ourselves to their support and care as they discover the ways that the Spirit unfolds for them.

A New Creed 918

Pouring the Water

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together) We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure we use the resources of water well, and make available future resources for our children and their children. We give thanks for the gift of this water. May it be the birthing waters of a new and holy life. Amen.

The request

The baptism: *Benjamin Thomas Hall, child of Melissa Marie Wells Hall and Michael Thomas Hall*

Blessing (*Laying on of hands*)

Baptismal prayer: (together) Bless this newly baptised child. May he always know that the Source of all Love lives and comes to unique expression in him. Bless *Melissa and Michael*, may they always show their gratitude for the new life given them by loving and caring for *Benjamin*. Bless this faithful people. May we all live in love. And may we continue to draw encouragement from the faith which connects our loving with the mystery we call 'God'. Amen.

Presentation of the Baptismal candle and certificate

Baptismal hymn: *I Have Called You by Your Name* MV161

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem: *Peace Be With You* Choirs
Offertory Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Offering Prayer: (together) God, Source of all that is, Lover of justice and Source of equity, help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow Your ways. Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace that You have so abundantly given us. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to You now. In the name of the One who gives us life, we pray. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Text: Exodus 33: 12-23
God speaks to Moses face to face as a friend.

Anthem: *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* Youth

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22
Give to God the things that are God's.

Hymn: *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* 459

Meditation

Prayers

Closing Hymn: *My Life Flows On* 716

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: Glorifying the past can never be the key to our future.

All: **We need to get a new perspective on today by getting a new vision of tomorrow.**

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude

