

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eddie Lewis

INVITATION TO BAPTISM

UNISON BLESSING AS BAPTISMAL WATERS ARE POURED:

We bless this water, which comes from the sky, from deep underground, from flowing rivers and streams—symbol of life in this world—symbol of the realm of eternal life. We recall the Samaritan woman at the well, listening to the wisdom of Jesus: “The water I give will become in you a spring of water bubbling up to eternal life.”

QUESTIONS FOR OUR NEW MEMBER

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT:

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Eddie who has been previously baptized and is renewing his baptism today as he lives and grows within the Christian Church?

ALL: We promise our love, support and care.

UNISON BAPTISMAL PRAYER:

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, and Jesus became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth to baptize with water and spirit. Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. May this sacrament of Baptism remind all of us of your abiding presence and claim on our lives. Amen.

ACT OF RENEWED BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontious 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.
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 live everlasting. Amen.