

Anglican Church of Freiburg

May 15, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Baptism Service

SILENT PREPARATION

PRELUDE

*JESUS PAID IT ALL*

Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall  
CCLI: 4689508

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmklOtOFOcw>

THE GREETING

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**

THE OPENING HYMN

*HERE I AM TO WORSHIP (LIGHT OF THE WORLD)*

ACF 81, Tim Hughes  
CCLI: 3266032

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CKCThJB5wO>

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Creator,  
we thank you for the wonder of new life  
and for the mystery of human love.  
We give thanks for all whose support and skill  
surround and sustain the beginning of life.  
As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human  
family,

may these children grow in strength and wisdom.  
As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood,  
give these parents your sustaining grace and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of  
everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## BAPTISM

*EIN SCHIFF, DAS SICH GEMEINDE NENNT (EG 609)*

Martin Gotthard Schneider, J. M. Opfermann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGLJWiSa1zA>

Do you receive these children as a gift from God?

**We do.**

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his  
blessing?

**We do.**

Will you do all that you can to help and support  
in the bringing up of Zoe and Leo?

**With the help of God we will.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,  
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this  
new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made  
clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.  
As children of God, we have a new dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not  
stop them'.

We thank God for Zoe and Leo who are brought to  
be baptized today.

Christ loves them and welcomes them into his  
Church.

So I ask you all: (to the congregation)

Will you support these children as they begin their  
journey of faith?

All

**We will.**

Will you help them to live and grow within God's  
family?

All

**We will.**

(The president then addresses the parents and  
godparents)

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Zoe and Leo  
today.

Will you pray for them,

and help them to follow Christ?

**We will.**

We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Will you turn away from sin and help them as they  
grow to do so?

I do.

Will you reject evil and help them as they grow to  
do so?

I do.

Will you turn to Christ as Saviour and help them as  
they grow to do so?

I do.

Will you trust in him as Lord and help them as they  
grow to do so?

I do.

#### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him

against all the powers of evil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of  
darkness,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All

**Amen.**

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.**

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 we bring with love and hope from the same  
river Jordan

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.**

*(The president, sprinkles water on the children, saying)*

I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ.  
As many as are baptized into Christ have put on  
Christ.

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.**

#### THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Zoe and Leo, 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.**

#### GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*(The minister may give the newly baptized a lighted  
candle. These may be lit from the paschal 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.

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.**

*JINJI WEWE ULIVYO MKUU - HOW GREAT THOU ART*

SoF 425, Stuart K. Hine

CCLI: 14181

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTP2WGHDIqM>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_VdX14rvtE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_VdX14rvtE)

CANTICLE/PSALM

Psalm 148

Refrain: **O praise the name of the Lord.**

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦  
praise him in the heights.

2 **Praise him, all you his angels; ♦  
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; ♦  
praise him, all you stars of light.

4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦  
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, ♦  
for he commanded and they were created.

6 **He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. [R]**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 **Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦  
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**

9 Mountains and all hills, ♦  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦  
creeping things and birds on the wing;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 **Young men and women,  
old and young together; ♦  
let them praise the name of the Lord.**

13 For his name only is exalted, ♦  
his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 **He has raised up the horn of his people  
and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦**

**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

**Alleluia.**

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

*O glorious God,  
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;  
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts  
that we may be good stewards of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### THE FIRST READING

The reading is taken from Acts 11:1-18

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God

**Our hearts and our minds are open**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six

brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL HYMN

*SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS*

ACF 108, CCLI: 180125

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bY42GQ80jo>

#### THE GOSPEL READING

The reading is taken from John 13:31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I

say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

### HOMILY

### INTERCESSION

### SHARING OF PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All*

**and also with you.**  
(Peace is shared)

### CLOSING HYMN

*WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT*

ACF 127 , CCLI 26997

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGD\\_BFSf90c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGD_BFSf90c)

### BENEDICTION

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SENDING

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE POSTLUDE

*The AGM would meet after a short break*