



**SUNDAY 18th JULY
ALTOGETHER SERVICE
WITH THE BAPTISM OF IKECHUKWU EMMANUEL OSUJI**

WELCOME

HYMN ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESU'S NAME

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the strength of Israel's might,
and crown him ... Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him ... Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
lift high the universal song
and crown him ... Lord of all.

In my head, in my heart and all around me
Jesus is here.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

O come let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our maker!
**You Lord, are our God and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand.**

O come let us worship and listen to the voice of the Lord!
**You Lord, are our God and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand.**

WE SAY SORRY

Lord, where the waters of our lives have been troubled,
you still our hearts and minds.
In your mercy, restore our souls.

Where we have walked in strange and difficult ways,
you guide us in the right paths.
In your mercy, restore our souls.

When we have walked even in the valley of death
you have been beside us.
In your mercy, restore our souls.

WE ARE FORGIVEN

READING I John 10. 2 – 4

Jesus said, 'The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he

has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.'

READING II Luke 15. 1 – 7

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

SONG BAA BAA HE'S THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Baa Baa He's the Good Shepherd

Everywhere I go He knows.

Baa Baa He is my Saviour.

I will follow where He goes.

Jesus loves me; finds me; cares for me.

Watches; saves me; Leads back home. *REFRAIN*

I was so lost; where do I begin

He paid the cost for my sin. *REFRAIN*

I was so scared; Storms would frighten me.

I will not fear; He's with me! *REFRAIN*

TALK

THE BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

The president addresses the congregation.

We thank God for Ikechukwu
who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.
So I ask you all:

Will you support Ike as he begins his journey of faith?
We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?
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 Ike today.
Will you pray for him,
and help him to follow Christ?
We will.

THE DECISION

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:

Do you turn away from sin?
I do.

Do you reject evil?
I do.

The candidate, together with parents, godparents and sponsors, may turn at this point.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The president makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead,

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. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
On him you poured your Spirit
at his baptism in the River Jordan.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that she who is baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
filled with your Spirit
and know herself loved as your child,
safe in Christ forever. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm, together with Ike, who is being baptised, 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?
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
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?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM

The president pours water on the candidate, saying

Ikechukwu Emmanuel, 'Power of God', 'God with us',
I baptise 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.**

THE WELCOME

As fellow children of God we welcome Ike as brothers and sisters.

**Welcome, welcome, welcome, Ikechukwu,
welcome to the household of God where
we will read with you, sing with you, pray with you,
break bread with you,
and walk beside you in your travels.
May you know Christ's hand in your hand
and keeping of the Spirit until your seeking is over
and God comes to find you. Amen.**

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

SONG UP THROUGH THE WATERS

Up from the waters God has raised you,
up from the waters, child of light
Praise to the one who called and named you,
up from the waters, into life

Always proclaim the wonderful story
up from the waters child of light
How you were raised from death to glory
up from the waters into life.

Water of life, grace and salvation
up from the waters child of light
Water that heals the heart of salvation
up from the waters into life.

PRAYERS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The prayer continues ... singing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues ... today and for ever. Amen.

Awaiting his coming in glory as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION I WILL OFFER UP MY LIFE

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart*

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost
Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin
Open up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

NOTICES

SONG 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.*

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.

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.

THE BLESSING

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The president gives to the baptised a lighted candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) 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.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.