

Deliver **Emmett Arthur Bensley**, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship **Emmett Arthur Bensley**, brought here in faith, baptizing him in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us join together as we renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

The Baptism

Celebrant: Emmett Arthur Bensley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

(The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead saying)

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this child the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to a new life of grace. Sustain **Emmett**, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*

The Giving of the Light

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: *Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: *We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you*

Baptismal Service For Emmett Arthur Bensley

Presentation & Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: *We present Emmett Arthur Bensley to receive the sacraments of baptism.*

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that **Emmett** is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and Godparents: *I will with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: *I will with God's help.*

Celebrant: I now ask you, parents & Godparents the following questions on behalf of **Emmett**.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and Godparents: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: *I do.*

Celebrant: **(Address the congregation)** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **Emmett** in his life in Christ?

People: *We will.*

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for **Emmett Arthur Bensley** who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.