

**A Service of Holy Baptism
Felix Thomas Marsh**



**St Martin's Anglican Church
Thanksgiving Day**

October 11th, 2020

HOLY BAPTISM

The Gathering of the Community

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of
the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit,
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3: A Song of Thanksgiving

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the

Holy One of Israel.

All stand for the Gospel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." [1:9-11]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & sponsors I present *Felix Thomas Marsh* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured

in the faith and life of the Christian community?
Parents & sponsors, 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 & sponsors I will, with God's help.

The celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and sponsors on behalf of Felix

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant. Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Felix* in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate for Baptism

Celebrant Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptised 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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Thanksgiving over the Water

The celebrant blesses 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 give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you
nourish and sustain all living things

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your
people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for you have called *Felix* to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and 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 Pilate, 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, 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.**

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Felix Thomas I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

The celebrant, prays over the newly baptized,

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *Felix* your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him 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

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized

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 always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit that we have welcomed **Felix Thomas** as a beloved child of God. We give thanks for his life, for his family and all who will support him as he grows in God and in faith

People **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant Let us go out into the world in thanksgiving and joy

People **Thanks be to God**