

# The Baptism of Zebedee Bowie Fairnie



St Luke's Church, West Holloway  
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## Welcome

– Rev Martin Wroe

## I Wish for You One thing, and That is Love – by William Byrd

– Corien Wittenberg (Zeb's Godmother)

I wish for you one thing, and that is love:  
Love for life, and pure, unfettered joy  
at being here upon this vivid earth.  
May great pleasure come from giving pleasure,  
and love that streams out from your burning heart  
light the darkened world and make it bloom.  
I wish you to be loved both well and long  
by all those whom you love; that these be many,  
among whom, not the least, might be yourself.  
May you love the beautiful and good,  
and always act with honesty and justice,  
being what you would that others be.  
But most of all, I wish for you a love  
into which your love might plunge and drown,  
an ocean in which you might live and breathe.

## Reflection

– Rev Martin Wroe

## The Liturgy of Baptism

We thank God for Zeb whose parents  
Dionne and Jake bring him to be baptised today.

And to all of you who are here to  
welcome Zeb into the family we call Church.

So I ask of everyone here: Will you support Zeb  
as he sets out on his journey of faith?

Reply **We will.**

Will you help him to live and grow  
within the family of faith?

Reply **We will.**

To Zeb's parents Dionne and Jake  
and Godparents James and Corien

Do you receive this child as a gift from God?

Reply **We do.**

Do you wish to thank God and  
seek God's blessing on Zeb's life?

Reply **We do.**

Will you pray for him, and help him to  
follow in the way of Jesus?

Reply **We will.**

Parents and Godparents, as you care for Zeb, do you  
honour the way of faith which calls us to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly in the world?

Reply **We do.**

Dionne and Jake, Zeb depends chiefly on you for the  
help and encouragement he needs. Will you give it to him  
by your love, your guidance and your steady presence?

Reply **With the help of God  
and of friends and family, we will.**

James and Corien you have agreed to accept a  
responsibility for the spiritual wellbeing of Zeb, will you  
support him with your wisdom, prayers and friendship?

Reply **We will.**

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child, as  
those who cherish this little family will you, their  
families and friends – everyone present today – support  
and uphold them now and in the years to come?

Reply **We will.**

## The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm the faith into which Zeb is to be baptised:

All We believe in God the Creator,  
from whom every kind of family in heaven  
and on earth is named.

We believe in God revealed to us  
in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who lives in our hearts, and fills us with love.

We believe in God the Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Naming

Jake and Dionne what do you name this child?

Reply Zebedee Bowie Fairnie

## The Baptism

Zeb, I baptise you in the name of God  
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I mark you with the sign of the cross,  
the sign of Christ.

## The Giving of Light

- Oma Dotty and Oma Blue

Zeb receive this light.

Christ is the light of the world;  
may you walk in light and love  
all the days of your life.

## Music - Precious Lord

- The Faithettes (2017 Fairnie wedding recording;  
written by Steve Fairnie and Steve Rowles)

## The Blessing of Zeb

- Parents and Godparents

Zeb, may God bless you  
and protect you;  
may God's presence shine on you  
and do you good;  
may God reach out to you tenderly  
and give you peace. Amen.

## Blessing for Presence - by John O'Donohue

- James Pringle (Zeb's Godfather)

May you awaken to the mystery of being here  
and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.  
May you have joy and peace  
in the temple of your senses.  
May you receive great encouragement  
when new frontiers beckon.  
May you respond to the call of your gift  
and find the courage to follow its path.  
May the flame of anger free you from falsity.  
May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame  
and anxiety never linger about you.  
May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.  
May you take time to celebrate the  
quiet miracles that seek no attention.  
May you be consoled in the  
secret symmetry of your soul.  
May you experience each day as a sacred gift  
woven around the heart of wonder.

## Music - Oh Happy Day

- Edwin Hawkins Singers

