



Baptism Service

Greeting

The Minister greets the people and says:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

The Minister continues:

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he

commanded his followers to go and make

disciples of all nations, baptising them in the

name of the Father, and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit. We have come together today to

obey that command. Baptism with water

signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus'

death makes possible, and the new life that God

gives us through the Holy Spirit.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. In due time these children should make their own response to God.

So we welcome you, name(S), with your parents and godparents and families and friends. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness forever.

A Reading from the Bible

The Sermon

The Presentation

The minister invites the parents and godparents to present the candidates.

I invite the parents and godparents of name(s) to present them for baptism.

We present name(s) to be baptised

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of name/this child?

I am

By your own prayers and example, by your

friendship and love, will you encourage

name/this child in the life and faith of the

Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

The Decision

The minister says to the parents and godparents.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil: Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you turn away from those things which you have done which were wrong?

I turn away from those things which I have done which were wrong.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light of Christ to His everlasting kingdom. Amen

The minister says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters commit themselves to bringing up name(s) to be a follower of Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.



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The Minister prays for the child to be baptised

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

This is the faith of the Christian Church.

This is our faith:

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

The Baptism

The Minister, at the font, baptises by pouring water over the child, saying:

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

Amen.

Name, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever. Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming glory.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Prayers

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

Then there are prayers for all who have been baptised, for this child, for the parents and for the godparents.

The Grace

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.