



Holy Baptism

The Baptism of Children

¶ Preparation

The Greeting

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

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to
enter the kingdom of heaven we must be
born again of water and the Spirit, and has
given us baptism as the sign and seal of this
new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy
Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed
with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his
risen life. As children of God, we have a new
dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

¶ The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The priest says to all those present

Baptism is a visible sign of God's love, at
baptism we thank God for the gift of life, we
acknowledge his love for us all and undertake
to bring up *these children* in the knowledge
of God's love. will you uphold *them* in *their*
new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

*The priest then says to the parents and
godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives
these children with joy. Today we are trusting
God for *their* growth in faith. Will you pray
for *them*, draw *them* by your example into
the community of faith and walk with *them*
in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *these children* begin their journey
in faith. You speak for *them* today. Will you
care for *them*, and help *them* to take *their*
place within the life and worship of Christ's
Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

*The priest addresses the children through their
parents and godparents*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into
his marvelous light. To follow Christ means
dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion
against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of
evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us
from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and
the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the
forehead of each child with Holy Oil, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of
Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end
of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the
powers of darkness, restore in you the image
of his glory, and lead you in the light and
obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer over the Water

We gather at the baptismal font.

The priest says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, all those who come to baptism may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

The priest says

Let us affirm, our 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.**

Baptism

The priest pours water on each candidate, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The priest says

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.

Commission

The priest addresses the congregation, parents and godparents,

We have brought *these children* to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for *them*

As *they* grow up, *they* will need the help and encouragement of their friends and family and the Christian community, so that *they* may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, and follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support *them* by prayer, example and teaching.

As *their* parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping *them* in *their* early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding *these children* in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for *these children* and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N and N*, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

¶ The Sending Out

The Blessing

The priest says this or another blessing.

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Each of the newly Baptized is given a candle lighted from the Easter candle. The priest says.

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.

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.