



HOLY BAPTISM OF CHILD

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 BAPTISM COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

A BIBLE READING – *Mark 10: 13-16*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for *N* and *N* who *have* come to be baptized today.

Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *these* children as *they begin their* journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help *them* to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *N* and *N* today.

Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?

We will.

THE DECISION

The president addresses the parents and godparents

We all wander far from God and
lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and
welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

The president may invite parents, godparents and sponsors to sign the candidates with the cross.

When all the candidates have been signed, the president says

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the
end of your life.**

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

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The ministers and candidates gather at the baptismal font.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you
love.

He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless
this water,

that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as
your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The president addresses the congregation

Let us affirm,
together with *these* who are
being baptized,
our common 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.

THE BAPTISM

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

A minister may say

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.

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 homes 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Intercessions may be led by the
president or others.*

In response to

Your name be hallowed
all respond
Your kingdom come.

*Prayers are offered for the candidate
and their family, ending with:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one
baptism:
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.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit
of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you
and also with you.

A minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

*The congregation may greet the
newly baptized.*

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The president or another person may
give all candidates a lighted candle.*

*When all have received a candle, the
president 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 BLESSING

The president may say

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 among you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



***The Vicar, Wardens and Parochial Church
Council congratulate you on this important
day. You will remain in our prayers in the
weeks to come.***

*Children and their families are welcome to join us
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and Junior Church on the second and fourth
Sundays.*



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