

# Holy Baptism



## **The Gathering**

### **Welcome**

*Leader* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

*Leader* Loving God, we have come to worship you.

*All* **Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*The church's special prayer for a baptism service.*

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give 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.**



## Hymn



## The Liturgy of the Word

### Bible Reading

*The scripture for the day is read, ending with*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God.

### Sermon



## Song



## The Baptism

*Minister* We rejoice today with this family as they thank God for the gift of life and bring their children for baptism...

### Presentation of the Candidates

*Minister* Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**All** **With the help of God, we will.**

**Minister** 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?

**Parents & Godparents** **With the help of God, we will.**

**Minister** 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?

**Parents & Godparents** **With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

**Minister** In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

*Minister* Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**Parents &  
Godparents** **I reject them.**

*Minister* Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**Parents &  
Godparents** **I renounce them.**

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

**Parents &  
Godparents** **I repent of them.**

*Minister* Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**Parents &  
Godparents** **I turn to Christ.**

*Minister* Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**Parents &  
Godparents** **I submit to Christ.**

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

**Parents &  
Godparents** **I come to Christ.**

## Profession of Faith

*Minister* Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this family the faith of the Church.

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All** I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All** 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.

## The Baptism

*Minister* \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*After each baptism the candidate is signed with the cross*

*Minister* Christ claims you for His own; receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

***All*** **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.**

## The Welcome

*Minister* There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

## Giving of a lighted candle

*A member of the Mothers Union presents a lighted candle.*

*Minister* God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

*Minister* You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

## Giving of a Bible

*A member of the Gideons presents a copy of the New Testament to the parents and godparents*

## The Peace

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

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

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## Hymn



## Prayers

*This response may be used.*

*Leader* Father, by the victory of your Son,

**All** **give light to the world.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All*

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**



### *Hymn*



### *Sending Out*

The minister prays for God's blessing.

## Dismissal

*Minister*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**In the name of Christ. Amen**