

The priest addresses parents and godparents:

We all wander away 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 you:

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 priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of those being baptised, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of the cross †

Parents and godparents are invited to make the sign of the cross on those being baptised.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his forever.

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.

The congregation follow the priest to the font

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth
Who keeps his promise forever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised 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 N who is baptised in it today
may be cleansed in the water of life
and, filled with your Spirit, may know
that they are loved as one of your children,
safe in Christ forever.

Amen.

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Brothers and sisters, let us affirm together the faith of the Church:

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

The priest pours water on the head of each of those being baptised, saying:

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

The priest may sprinkle those around the font with water

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.

The Commission

We have brought N to baptism knowing that Jesus died
and rose again for *him/her* and trusting in the promise
that God hears and answers prayer.

As N continues to grow, *he/she* will need the help and
encouragement of the Christian community, so that
he/she may learn to know God in public worship and
private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith,
serve *his/her* neighbour after the example of Christ,
and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to
support N by prayer, example and teaching. As friends,
family, parents and godparents, you have the prime
responsibility for guiding and helping *him/her*. This is a
demanding task for which you will need the help and
grace of God.

The priest prays for those being baptised

Let us pray for *N*, that *he/she* may know God's grace in *his/her* life.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for *N* and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon *N* your healing and reconciling love, and protect *his/her* home from all evil.

Amen.

Fill *N* always with the light of your presence and establish within *him/her* the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Welcome

N, today God has met you with his love and given you a place among his people. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. *N*, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

The Peace

The priest invites those present to share the peace

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

The following words may be added:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The priest gives those being baptised a lighted candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. *N*, 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 gives all present a blessing

The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

The priest ends the service with the following words:

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

Here follows a round of applause!

Greeting

The priest gives some words of welcome then says:

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

The priest introduces the service

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 a sign and seal of that 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.

All those present respond:

**Heavenly Father, in your love
you have called us to know you,
led us to trust you,
and bound our life with yours.
Surround those being baptised with your love,
protect them from evil;
fill them with your Holy Spirit,
and receive them into the family of
your Church. Amen.**

Reading

A Bible passage is read and a short talk may be given

The Presentation

Those being baptised are introduced

Jesus said, 'Let the children come unto me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for *N* who has come to be baptised today.

The priest addresses the congregation

Will you support *N* as *he/she* begins *his/her* journey of faith?

We Will

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

We Will

The priest addresses the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents you speak for *N* today. Will you pray for *him/her* and help *him/her* to follow Christ?

We Will