

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 priest and congregation return to the front of the church

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

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.**

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.

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The minister says a prayer of blessing and then gives the family of the newly baptized a lighted candle.

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.

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HOLY BAPTISM

*Please join in with the words in **bold type**.*

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.

OPENING PRAYERS

BIBLE READING AND ADDRESS

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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/candidates* and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

The minister of baptism 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

A large candle is lit.

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:

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.



SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister 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 minister of baptism invites parents and godparents to sign the candidates with the 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

The ministers and candidates gather at the baptismal font.

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 him thanks and praise.

The minister gives thanks for the gift of water and asks God to bless this water to be used for Baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
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.

Do you believe and trust in 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.

BAPTISM

The minister of baptism 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 newly baptized may be wrapped in a white shawl.

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

(Galatians 3.27)

As the body is clad in the cloth, and the flesh in the skin, and the heart in the whole, so are we, soul and body, clad in the goodness of God, and enclosed.

(Dame Julian of Norwich. 13th Century)

The minister may anoint the newly baptized with the scented oil of chrism, a reminder of God's calling to them to go out into the world to spread his love.

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 minister reminds the congregation of their role in supporting the newly baptized child and then leads the congregation in prayer.

God our creator, we thank you for the gift of this child, entrusted to our care. May he/she, with our help, learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength. and, in due time, come to know for him/herself the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the family and the congregation follow, ending with the Lord's Prayer (overleaf)