

Do you believe in God 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.**

*The Baptism*

*N.*, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy spirit.

*N.*, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked  
as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:  
Fight the good fight,  
Finish the race,  
Keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,  
Proclaim his resurrection,  
Look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness into his  
marvelous light.

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

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you  
As a member with us of the body of Christ,  
As a child of the one heavenly Father,  
And as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**



## *The Order of Service for Holy Baptism*

### **PREPARATION**

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers  
to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.  
Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism.

Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you, *N.*, with your sponsors and families. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

## THE PRESENTATION

We welcome those who come to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *N.* for baptism?

**I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *N.* ?

**I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage *N.* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

**I will, with God's help.**

## THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil.

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

**I renounce all that is evil.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

**Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbor as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will, with God's help.**

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

**We will.**

## THE BAPTISM

And now we give you thanks that you have called *N.* to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

I ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**