

*Through water and the word
you have become a child of God
and are sealed as Christ's own forever*

We thank God for this child who is being baptized today.
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

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.

So I ask you all:
Will you support this child as they begin their journey
of faith?
We will.

Will you help them to live and grow within God's
family?
We will.

Parents and Godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Today
it is you who speak for this child and so I ask will you
pray for them,
and help them to follow Christ?
We will.

Will you support them on their journey of faith?
We will.

The Presentation

Do you receive this child as a gift from God?
We do.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his
blessing?
We do.

Will you do all that you can to help and support the
family in bringing up this child?
With the help of God we will.

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 Collect

A special prayer is said for this day

The Bible Reading

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

The Decision

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

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

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.

Prayer over the Water

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 thanks and praise.

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. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together 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.

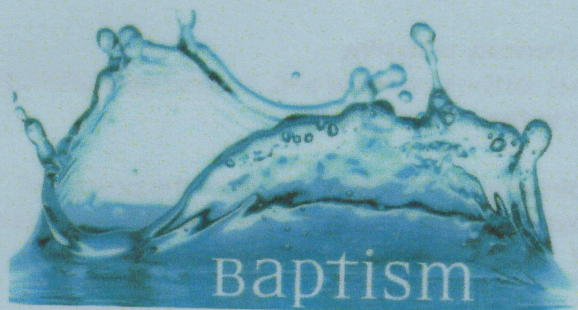
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism

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

Commission

A time of prayer



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Giving of 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.

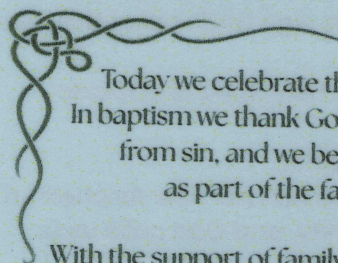
**Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Blessing

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.**

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

**PLEASE LEAVE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE FOR OUR NEXT
BAPTISM. THANK YOU**



Today we celebrate the gift of new life in Christ
In baptism we thank God for his love, we are washed
from sin, and we begin our journey of faith
as part of the family of the Church.

With the support of family, friends, and the Church, we
pray that those who are baptised will grow in faith, hope
and love, following Jesus throughout their life.
Please continue to keep this family in your prayers as
they take these first steps in faith.

Giving

There is no charge for Baptism services in our church – it is our
joy to welcome you here today. If you would like to give
towards the future mission and outreach of this church, a
collection plate is available by the exit. Your generosity helps
us to share God's love with our community.