

INTERCESSIONS

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father, **accept these prayer, for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: 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.

We all offer one another a sign of peace

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 DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Baptism within Holy Communion



Starts after the Gospel Reading

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.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,

by the power of your Holy Spirit

you give to 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.

The Presentation (to congregation)

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 help to support the family in bringing up this child.

With the help of God, we will.

The Liturgy of Baptism

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 *this child* and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* 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 *this child* begins *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

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 as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

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

I come to Christ.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his 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

A special prayer is now said over the water.

BAPTISM

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

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.**