

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the 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 minister says to the congregation
This is the faith of the Church.

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

Each candidate is brought to the water and is baptised
Name, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After Baptism

The priest makes a cross on the forehead of each person, saying
Name, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as
Christ's own forever.
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 marvellous 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 same heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God. Amen**

A Service of Baptism



Introduction

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, on Baptism.

One God and Father of all.

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.

So we welcome you, *name*. We give thanks for you and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness forever.

Prayer & Confession

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

A prayer before the readings or the Collect of the day may be used. Readings from the Bible may be used here and a brief explanation may follow:

e.g: Acts 2:37-42; John 3:1-8; Romans 6:3-11

The Decision

The minister says to the candidate to be baptised

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 renounce evil?

I renounce 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, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The minister says to the congregation

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

We will.

Grant, merciful God, that *these persons* may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in *them*. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in *them*. **Amen.**

May *they* know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May *they* proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten the day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The Baptism

We give you thanks that at the beginning of your creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; nourish and sustain all living things.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

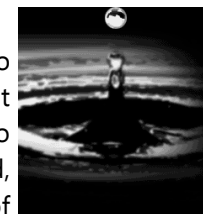
We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

And now we give you thanks that you have called *name* 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.**



The minister says to the candidate

I now 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.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,**