

Welcome and introduction

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

All: **And also with you.**

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.

Collect Prayer for Baptism

All: **Amen.**

Reading from the Christian Bible

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight',

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance

for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside

and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,

and were baptised by John in the river Jordan,

confessing their sins.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee

and was baptised by John in the Jordan.

And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water,

he saw the heavens torn apart

and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven,

'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased.'

Sermon

Presentation of Candidates

Minister: 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 (*Candidate*)
and uphold *them* in their new life in Christ?

All: **With the help of God, we will.**

The minister addresses parents, godparents or sponsors

Minister: Parents and godparents,
the Church receives (*Candidate*) 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?

Parents: **With the help of God, we will.**

*When candidates are not making the baptismal promises themselves,
The minister addresses parents, godparents and sponsors*

Minister: **In baptism (*Candidate*) 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?**

Parents:
& Sponsors **With the help of God, we will.**

The Decision

Minister: **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:**

Minister: **Do you turn to Christ?**

Parents:
& Sponsors **I turn to Christ.**

Minister: **Do you repent of your sins?**

Parents:
& Sponsors **I repent of my sins.**

Minister: **Do you renounce evil?**

Parents: **I renounce evil.**

& Sponsors

Signing with the Cross & Anointing with Oil

Minister: *Candidate* **Christ claims you for his own.**

Receive the sign (+) of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: **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.**

Minister: **May almighty God deliver you (+) from the powers of darkness, restore you in the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.**

All: **Amen.**

Minister: We anoint you (+)
with the oil of salvation
in the name of Christ our Saviour;
may he strengthen you with his power,
who lives and reigns for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer Over the Water

Minister: Praise God who made heaven and earth

All: **Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.....

....Now sanctify (+) this water that,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
(*candidate*) may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image,
may (*candidate*) walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever

in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

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

Minister: **Do you believe and trust in God the Father?**

Parents &
Sponsors

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

Minister **Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?**

Parents: &
Sponsors

**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.

Minister: **Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?**

Parents

Sponsors:

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.

Minister: **This is the faith of the Church**

All

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

The Baptism

Minister: I baptise (*Candidate*) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Minister: 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.

All **Amen.**

The Giving of a Lit Candle

Minister: God has delivered us
from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
(*Candidate*) you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

Welcome

Minister: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.**
(Candidate) **by one Spirit**
we were all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we
are children of the same heavenly Father; we
welcome you.**

Prayers, which conclude with

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

All: **Amen.**

Minister **Go in the light and peace of Christ.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

