HOLY BAPTISM

Preparation

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All Amen
Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The priest introduces the service

Reading from the New Testament

Sermon

Presentation

The priest says to the sponsors, and candidates able to answer for themselves
Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing name/this child for baptism?
I will
Are you willing to answer on behalf of name/this child?
I am
By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage name/this child in the life and faith of the Christian community?
I will, with God’s help

Decision

The priest says to the candidates and/or sponsors
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.

All Amen

Priest Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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 priest says to the candidates and/or sponsors

Do you affirm this faith as yours?
I do

Will you each, 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 priest says to the whole congregation

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

All We will

Let us pray
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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen
Baptism

Blessing of Water

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to give our thanks and praise

The priest continues, ending

...through whom we give you praise and honour
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.
All Amen

The priest baptises each candidate

Name, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen

The priest makes a cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Name, 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.
All Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory

The priest gives each of the newly baptised a lit candle

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father

God has called you into his Church.
All 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.
Prayers

Priest Let us pray

At the end of each prayer, the congregation responds Amen

The prayers conclude with the Lord’s Prayer, said by all

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

The service concludes with the Grace, said by all

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen

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