

Holy Baptism

(Renewing Liturgies)

(May be used for Child or Adult Baptism)

Introduction:

PASTOR: GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY AND LOVE, GIVES US A NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. THE POWER OF SIN IS PUT TO DEATH IN THIS HOLY FLOOD, AND WE ARE RAISED WITH JESUS CHRIST TO NEW LIFE. WE ARE UNITED WITH ALL THE BAPTIZED IN THE ONE BODY OF CHRIST, ANOINTED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND SENT OUT IN MISSION FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

Presentation:

Sponsors: I present _____ for baptism.

(Adult Baptism only)

PASTOR: _____, TRUSTING IN THE GRACE AND LOVE OF GOD, DO YOU DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED? IF SO SAY I DO.

Response: I do.

(Parents of Child)

PASTOR: TRUSTING IN THE GRACE AND LOVE OF GOD, DO YOU DESIRE TO HAVE YOUR (CHILD/CHILDREN) BAPTIZED? IF SO SAY I DO.

Response: I do.

LAY-LIT: AS YOU PRESENT YOUR (CHILD/CHILDREN) FOR BAPTISM, YOU ARE ENTRUSTED WITH GIFTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: TO LIVE WITH (HIM/HER/THEM) AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE, BRING (HIM/HER/THEM) TO THE WORD OF GOD AND THE HOLY SUPPER, AND NURTURE (HIM/HER/THEM) IN FAITH AND PRAYER, SO THAT (HE/SHE/THEY) MAY LEARN TO TRUST GOD, PROCLAIM CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED, CARE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD GOD MADE, AND WORK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AMONG ALL PEOPLE.

_____, DO YOU PROMISE TO HELP YOUR (CHILD/CHILDREN) GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE? IS SO SAY I DO.

Response: I do.

PASTOR: SPONSORS, DO YOU PROMISE TO NURTURE (THIS/THESE) PERSON(S) IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS YOU ARE EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT, AND TO HELP

(HIM/HER/THEM) LIVE IN THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH? IF SO SAY I DO.

Response: I do.

LAY-LIT: PEOPLE OF GOD, DO YOU PROMISE TO SUPPORT
_____ AND PRAY FOR (HIM/HER/THEM) IN
(HIS/HER/THEIR) NEW LIFE IN CHRIST? IF SO SAY WE DO.

Response: We do.

Profession:

(Adult Baptism only:)

PASTOR: I ASK YOU TO REJECT SIN, PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH.

DO YOU RENOUNCE THE DEVIL AND ALL FORCES THAT DEFY GOD, THE POWERS OF THIS WORLD THAT REBEL AGAINST GOD, AND THE WAYS OF SIN THAT DRAW YOU FROM GOD? IF SO SAY I DO.

Response: I do.

PASTOR: DO YOU TURN TO CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR? IF SO SAY I DO.

Response: I do.

(Parents of Children:)

PASTOR: I ASK YOU TO REJECT SIN, PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH.

DO YOU RENOUNCE THE DEVIL AND ALL THE FORCES THAT DEFY GOD? IF SO, SAY I RENOUNCE THEM.

Response: I renounce them.

DO YOU RENOUNCE THE POWERS OF THIS WORLD THAT REBEL AGAINST GOD? IF SO, SAY I RENOUNCE THEM.

Response: I renounce them.

PASTOR: DO YOU TURN TO CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR? IF SO, SAY IN FAITH I TURN TO CHRIST.

Response: In faith I turn to Christ.

LAY-LIT: WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH, LET US CONFESS OUR FAITH.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

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

LAY-LIT: DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

**All: 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 into hell.
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.**

LAY-LIT: DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

**All: 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.**

Thanksgiving:

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

All: And also with you.

PASTOR: LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PASTOR: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT BROODED OVER THE WATERS AND YOU CREATED THE WORLD BY YOUR WORD, CALLING FORTH LIFE IN WHICH YOU TOOK DELIGHT.

LAY-LIT: THROUGH WATER YOU LED YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT TO FREEDOM IN THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN JESUS WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. BY THE BAPTISM OF JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOU DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH AND SET US FREE TO LIVE IN YOU.

PASTOR: SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON THIS WATER AND UPON ALL WHO ARE WASHED IN IT, THAT THEY MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. TO YOU BE GIVEN HONOR AND PRAISE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

All: Amen.

Baptism:

_____, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

All: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Laying on of Hands:

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

All: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

PASTOR: SUSTAIN _____ WITH THE GIFT OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT: THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE SPIRIT OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE, BOTH NOW AND FOREVER.

All: Amen.

Signing with the Cross:

PASTOR: _____, CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

All: Amen.

Presentation of a Candle:

LAY-LIT: WALK IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN. SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.

Welcome:

PASTOR: THROUGH BAPTISM YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, AND STRENGTHENED TO SERVE BY THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Introduction of the Newest Member of the Christian Church

(We continue with the Liturgy for the Day)