

Order of Service *Holy Baptism*



Presentation

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present _____ (name) _____ for baptism.

Pastor: Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child(ren)* baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: As you bring *your child(ren)* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments,

place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your child(ren)* 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,

Do you promise to help *your child(ren)* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *them* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support _____ (name) _____ and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Profession of Faith

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

Thanksgiving at the Font

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 moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism 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

Pastor: _____ (name) _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain _____ (name) _____ 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.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Pastor: _____ (name) _____, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized (or to a sponsor of a young child) with these words:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission of share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Please return to your seat and extinguish the candle after the welcoming. Please leave this Order of Service on your pew after the worship service.