

HOLY BAPTISM



THE BROOKE BENEFICE

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A welcome into God's family, the Christian Church

WELCOME

THE GREETING

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

A prayer thanking God for a new child may be said.

HYMN

THE COLLECT

A special prayer for today

THE READING

SHORT TALK

THE PRESENTATION

Those being baptised are invited to come to the front with their parents and Godparents. We all promise that we will welcome and help these new members of the Church family.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them."

So I ask you all:

Will you help *N* to become part of God's family?

We will.

Parents and Godparents promise that they will help as well.

Parents and Godparents,
you have brought *N* to baptism
and you speak for *them* today.
As we trust God for *their* growth in faith,
will you promise to care for *them*,
pray for *them*,
and help *them* to follow Christ?
We will.

THE DECISION

A large candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. Then the parents and Godparents promise to say “No” to bad things and wrong things and “Yes” to Jesus’ way of living.

In baptism, God calls us to new life.
We die with Christ to all that destroys,
and rise to live with him for ever.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject evil?
I reject evil.

And all its many forms?
And all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?
And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?

And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him for ever?

And promise to follow him for ever.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The † symbol reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for everyone and especially today for the child being baptised. Oil is used to remind us of healing and that Jesus is with us through the whole of our life.

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Parents and Godparents are invited to sign as well.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him.

Oppose the power of evil,

and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you

from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen

HYMN

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

*We need water to live and grow and to be clean;
in Baptism water is blessed and used as a symbol to wash
clean our hearts so that we may grow in Jesus' love and
become more like him.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We all confirm our belief in God

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE BAPTISM

*Holy Water is poured over the child's head three times,
then a special prayer is said.*

N, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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.

Amen

COMMISSION and WELCOME

A special prayer is said for the parents and godparents.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

The newly baptised are introduced to the congregation.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, for the world, for our families and communities and for those who are sick or sad.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

**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**

HYMN

During the hymn a collection is taken. We offer gifts of money as a way of showing our thanks to God. The money is used to help with the cost of running our church – it means that other people will be able to come here for baptisms and at other special times for them.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A special prayer is said as we offer ourselves and our gifts of money to God, to be used in his service.

BLESSING

A special prayer as we receive God's blessing.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

We are reminded that we need to take God's light out into our world and to shine with God's love in our lives.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Words to send us out into the world.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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