

The Prayers

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for *these children*
and grant *them* your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon *them* your healing and reconciling love,
and protect *their home* from all evil.
Fill *them* with the light of your presence
and establish *them* in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Minister shall introduce the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

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 Dismissal

*The Minister may bless the people
with these or other suitable words*

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A Minister dismisses the people

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*At the Eucharist, the two prayers at the top of this page
are to be included in the Prayer After Communion.*

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Baptism of Children

The Introduction

*This Order of Holy Baptism may be used alone,
or after the sermon of another service.*

The Minister says

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.

If the Baptism is celebrated separately the Minister may read from the Scriptures, and briefly explain these ceremonies..

Presentation of the Candidates

The Minister addresses the whole congregation

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 these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

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

The Minister then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children 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?

(God)parents **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism these children begin 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?

(God)parents **With the help of God, we will.**



The Decision

*The Minister addresses the candidates through their parents,
godparents and sponsors*

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:

(God)parents Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

(God)parents Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

(God)parents Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

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.

All **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

All gather at the baptismal font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.
We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.
May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.
Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**



Profession of faith

The Minister says

Let us affirm, together with these who are being
baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who redeemed mankind?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

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

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

Baptism

The Minister pours water on each child saying

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

All **Amen.**



Signing with the Cross

The Minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized saying to each

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

When all are signed the Minister says

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.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

With these words a lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.

Receive this light.

When all have received a candle the Minister says

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.

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

The Welcome

The Minister says

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N* and *N*,
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

*The Holy Communion may resume with The Peace,
or a Service of the Word may continue with The Intercessions,
or the following prayers are used.*