

# Holy Baptism

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## Presentation

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.

*Presiding Minister to the Parents and Godparents:*

Parents and Godparents, as you bring Name 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 **children** 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.

Parents and Godparents, do you promise to help Name grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Name and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

*Response:* **We do.**



# Profession of Faith

## *To Parents and Godparents:*

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?

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

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

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 at the Font

Let us pray.

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.

*Response:* **Amen.**

## Baptism

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

## Laying On of Hands

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.

*Response:* **Amen.**

## Anointing

      Name      , child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Response:** Amen.

*Parents and Godparents make the sign of the cross upon the child:*

We bless your eyes, that you may look out into the world with love.

We bless your ears, that you may hear the voice of Jesus and follow.

We bless your lips, that you may proclaim the praise of Christ.

We bless your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle burden of Christ's yoke.

We bless your heart, that God may dwell there.

We bless your hands, that you may do the work to which you are called.

We bless your feet, that you may walk all of your days in the way of Jesus Christ.

**Response:** Amen.

## Garment

      Name      , you are a new creation, clothed in Christ.

## Candle

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

## Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized,       Name      .

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