

Prayers of Intercession

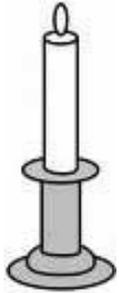
Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N & 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.



Giving of a Lighted Candle

The minister or another person gives each of the newly baptized a lighted candle. 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.

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

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and love and steadfastness and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Hymn

Go in the light and peace of Christ,
Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO A SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**



Hymn

Introduction

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may *these children* grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give *these parents* your sustaining grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect *(a special prayer set for today)*

Reading from the Bible

The readings & responses can be found on the weekly sheet

Sermon or Address



Hymn

Presentation of the Candidates

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for *N and N* who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church. So I ask you all: Will you support *these children* as *they begin* their journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help *them* to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for *N and N* today. Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ? **We will.**

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**



Signing with the Cross

The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of each candidate, saying

N, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

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?

We 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?

We 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?

We 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. Amen.**

The Baptism



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.



The Commission

A minister addresses the congregation, parents and godparents