



BAPTISM

WELCOME & OPENING PRAISE

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.



And also with you

We come, God our Father, to celebrate all your blessings to us,

Alleluia ! Praise you Lord !

.. to give thanks for all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ.

Alleluia ! Praise you Lord !

...to delight in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia ! Praise you Lord !

We come in our own need and that of the world

**This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- to include reading , song and talk

BAPTISM

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 *names of those to be baptised and uphold* them in their *new life in Christ*?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister may say to supporting friends

Do you receive *name(s) of child(ren)* as a gift from God?

We do.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?

We do.

Will you do all that you can to help and support

N and N in the bringing up of N?

With the help of God we will.

The minister then says to the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for *name(s) of child(ren)* today.

Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?

We will.

The minister asks those who are to be baptised who are able to answer for themselves

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

PRAYERS

Rejoicing as members of the family of God, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

HYMN

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

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

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. **Amen.**

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

DECISION

The minister addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and sponsors

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.

GATHERING AT THE FONT

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 forever.
All: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: 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?

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 and makes Christ known in the world?

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.

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ 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.**
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.**

WELCOME AND PEACE

**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. Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all
baptized into one body. N,
**We welcome you into the fellowship of
faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

