



The minister pours water over the child(ren), saying:

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

(name), I sign you (*all*) with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith:

A lit candle is given to the godparents of the child, who are encouraged to share their light with their godchild:



Jesus said: I am the light of the world those who follow me will never walk in darkness

But have the light of life.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

God has called you into his Church.

We receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

Following the passing of the Peace the Service continues with the offertory and communion.



Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus.

After he had risen from the dead, Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The earliest baptismal confession was: 'Jesus is Lord.' When you think about it, that is the essence of our faith. We have come together today to obey his command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' makes possible, and the renewed life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.

We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the universal community of faith and love: the church.

So, we welcome you, *(name)*, together with your parents *(names)*, and your god-parents *(names)*.

We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness forever.

The sponsors and children stand at the baptismal space at the back of the church.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents, who have responded to that love, come now to bring *(name)* for baptism. Before this congregation they shall now express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their child(ren) in the faith and practice of the church of God.

In due time, *(name)* will make *(his/her/their)* own response to God and, God willing, be prepared for Confirmation.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *(name)* for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *(name)*?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, friendship and love will you encourage *(name)* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm on behalf of *(name)* that you turn to Christ, to the embrace of God's Love and reject all that is evil:

Do you trust in Jesus?

I believe that Jesus is my saviour.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfishness and injustice?

I renounce all that is evil.

Do you believe in God: *(the whole congregation responds)*?

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



Do you believe in Jesus Christ as Lord?

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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.



Do you believe in 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.

We remember that in obedience to God; Jesus Christ was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Likewise, we offer ourselves to be baptised.

We give you thanks that you have called *(name)* to new birth in your Church through faith in Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit and sanctify this water so that baptised in it, *(he she they)* may die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue to follow Jesus as Lord throughout her life.

Amen