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## Baptism Service

————— *Gathering as the Body* —————

### Announcements and Welcome

#### Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

#### Opening Song

#### The Collect

————— *Listening for the Word* —————

#### Scripture Readings

#### Sermon

## **Presentation and Examination of Candidates**

*Celebrant:*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

### **Adults and Older Children**

*Sponsor:*

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate:*

I do.

### **Infants and Younger Children**

*Parents:*

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents:*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents/Sponsors:*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:*

We will.

*Celebrant:*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# The Baptismal Covenant

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, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

# Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

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

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one:*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*The candidate's baptismal candle is then lit.*

*When these actions has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*The Priest sprinkles water over the congregation, saying*

Remember your baptism! You are a child of God, bought with a price, made a living member of Christ's Body, and a citizen of His Kingdom. You are not your own, you belong to Christ!

*Celebrant:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People and Celebrant:*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*(service continues with The Peace and Holy Communion)*

