



INTRODUCTION

Lord, this is the day you have made,
we rejoice and are glad in it.
Help us and bless us as we
come into your presence.
We praise and exalt you,
we celebrate and thank you.
For you are our God and
your love endures for ever. Amen.

HYMN 1

WE CONFESS OUR SINS *(sit or kneel)*

God our Father, we come to you
in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives.
Father, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you.
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say.
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you and letting
the world squeeze us into its mould.
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong
to your Son.
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT

HYMN 2

INTRODUCTION TO THE BAPTISM

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the
kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and
the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal
of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ. Dying to sin that we may
live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls
us to fullness of life.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES.

The president 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 *this/these
child/children/name* and uphold *him/her/them* in
his/her/their new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the church receives *this/these
child/children/name* with joy. Today we are trusting God
for *his/her/their* growth in faith. Will you pray for
him/her/them, draw *him/her/them* by your example into
the community of faith and walk with *him/her/them* in the
way of Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, *this/these child/children/name* begin[s]
his/her/their journey in faith. You speak for *him/her/them*
today.

Will you care for *him/her/them* and help *him/her/them* to
take *his/her/their* place within the life and worship of
Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

*The president addresses the child/children/candidates
through their parents and godparents*

In baptism. God calls us out of darkness into
his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life
with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the
forehead of each candidate saying.*

Christ claims you for his own,
Receive the sign of the 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

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 him thanks and praise

We thank you Father, for the water of Baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise
into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
May they be renewed in your image, may they walk by
the light of faith, and continue forever in the risen life of
Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm together with those who are being baptised,
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?

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?

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?

I 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.**

BAPTISM

The president pours water on each candidate saying:

Name I baptise 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.**

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The president or another person may give each of the
newly baptised, 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**

THE WELCOME AND THE PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation may greet the newly baptised.

The president introduces the Peace:

We are all one in Christ Jesus
We belong to him through faith, heirs to
the promise of the Spirit of peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

READING

HYMN 3

TALK

HYMN 4

PRAYERS *(short)*

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.**

*HYMN 5 (Collection taken during hymn and brought
forward during last verse)*

After the collection is received

**Father, pour out your spirit upon us, grant us a new
vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
a new consecration to your service,
that you love may grow among us, and your kingdom
come: through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Do join us for tea and coffee in the church lounge.