

St Mary's Church, Chartham

Holy Baptism

Getting Ready

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

All and also with you.

*Everyone is welcomed and the service is introduced
A prayer is said and everyone says*

All Amen

Listening

*One or two appropriate passages from the Bible are read, at
the end of each bible passage the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A talk follows the readings

Baptizing

Families and godparents may be invited to come to the front

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for *N and N*

Who have come to be baptised 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?

All We will

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

All We will

The parents and godparents are asked

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?

Answer We will

The parents and godparents are asked to speak on behalf of the child.

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?

Answer I do.

Do you reject evil?

Answer I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

Answer I do.

Signing with the Cross

A cross is traced on the forehead of each candidate, with these words

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

The parents or godparents may be invited to sign the candidates with the cross. When all the candidates have been signed, the president says

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**All 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.

All Amen.

Everyone may be invited to gather near the font.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

One of these prayers is said over the water
Either

Loving Father,
we thank you for your servant Moses,
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea
to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you for your Son Jesus,
who has passed through the deep waters of death
and opened for all the way of salvation.
Now send your Spirit,
that those who are washed in this water
may die with Christ and rise with him,
to find true freedom as your children,
alive in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Or

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.

All Amen.

Believing

Everyone is invited to join in answering these questions

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.**

Baptism

Each candidate is baptised with water, with these words

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

All 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.

All Amen.

Everyone may return to their seats

*A minister (or another person) speaks to the congregation,
parents and godparents and may lead one or more prayers.*

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

Everyone may greet the newly baptized.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

Praying for the World

Either this response may be used

Your name be hallowed

All Your kingdom come.

Or this

Father of life

All Make known your glory.

The Lord's Prayer

Either

All 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.

Or

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Going Out

A blessing may be said and then each of the newly baptised may be given 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.

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

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

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