

THE WELCOME

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

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

THE CANDLE & THE BIBLE

Minister: 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.

Minister: Also, receive this book; the most valuable thing that this world affords

BAPTISM

OPENING PRAYER

Minister: Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

All: Amen

THE PRESENTATION

Minister: Church family, today we thank God for *this child* who has come to be baptised. Christ welcomes *them* into his Church. Will you promise to support *them* as *they* begin *their* journey of faith?

All: We will.

Minister: Parents and godparents, you have brought *these children* to baptism and speak for *them* today. As we trust God for *their* growth in faith, will you promise to care for *them*, pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?

P & G: We will.

THE DECISION

Minister: 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.

Minister: Therefore I ask:
Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
P & G: **I reject them.**
Minister: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
P & G: **I renounce them.**
Minister: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
P & G: **I repent of them.**

Minister: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
P & G: **I turn to Christ.**
Minister: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
P & G: **I submit to Christ.**
Minister: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
P & G: **I come to Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Minister: 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.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
All: **I believe and trust in him.**
Minister: 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.**
Minister: 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.**
Minister: This the faith of the Church.
All: **This is our faith.**
We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

BAPTISM

Minister: *Name*, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Minister: Jesus claims you for his own. Receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
All: **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.**
Minister: 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.
All: **Amen**