

EASTER BAPTISM LITURGY

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

To the candidates for baptism

Do you wish to be baptized? **I do.**

To the candidates for affirmation of baptism vows

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? **I have.**

To all the candidates:

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? **I am.**

To the 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 these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

DECISION

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his 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 AT THE BAPTISM POOL

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.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ

was baptized in the river Jordan,

we thank you for the gift of water

to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea

you led your people out of slavery

to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death

you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust 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.**

BAPTISM

N, is this your faith? **This is my faith.**

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM VOWS

I call upon N, who is affirming their baptismal faith, to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

N, will you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I answer the call of God my creator.

I trust in Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

I seek new life from the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

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.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

God, who has called you, is faithful.

Rejoice in your baptism into Jesus Christ.

Walk with us in the life of the Spirit.

PRAYER

**Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.**

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.