



# Baptism



St Saviour's  
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W12

## Presentation of the candidates

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

We thank God for *N* who *has* come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.  
So I ask you all:

Will you support *N* 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 president then addresses the parents and  
godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.  
Parents and godparents, you speak for *N* today.  
Will you pray for *them*,  
and help *them* to follow Christ?

**We will.**

*Or the president asks those candidates for baptism who  
are able to answer*

Do you wish to be baptised?

**I do.**

*Testimony may follow. The president addresses the whole congregation*

We thank God for N who *has* come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church.  
Will you support *them* on their journey of faith?

*All* **We will.**

## The decision

*The president addresses the candidates directly, or their parents, godparents and sponsors*

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?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## Prayer over the water

Father, 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 to bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life. For all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Profession of faith

*The president addresses the congregation*

Let us affirm,  
together with these 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?

*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

*If the candidate(s) can answer for themselves*

N, is this your faith?

*Each candidate answers in their own words, or says*

**This is my faith.**

*The president dips each candidate in water, or pours  
water on them, saying*

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

*All* **Amen.**

## Signing with the cross

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

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.  
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.**

## Giving of light

Receive this light.  
This is to show that you have passed  
from darkness into light.

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

## The welcome and peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N, 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 congregation may greet the newly baptised*





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