

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The minister addresses the whole congregation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Rosalie who has come to be baptized today.

Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Rosalie as she begins her journey of faith?

We will.

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

We will.

The minister then addresses the parents and godparents

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

We will.

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We will.

DENSTONE COLLEGE CHOIR SING

THE DECISION

The minister addresses the parents and godparents

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.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead saying
Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

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.

Amen.

Please move to the font

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The ministers says

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.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the congregation

Let us affirm, together with Rosalie who is 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?

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 minister pours water on her, saying

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

Amen.

COMMISSION

A minister addresses the congregation

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for this child and grant her your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon her your healing and reconciling love, and protect her home from all evil. Fill her with the light of your presence and establish her in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your people; keep us faithful to our baptism, and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Rosalie, 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.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of 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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Please move to the altar during the exchange of peace

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The minister says

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.

HYMN

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Be Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.