

## Welcome and Preparation

*The priest welcomes everyone and explains what will be taking place.*

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

**And also with you**

When Jesus was talking to a Pharisee named Nicodemus (a member of the Jewish ruling council no less!) he said "I tell you this, no-one can enter God's Kingdom unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Only the Spirit gives birth to the spirit and so you must be born again" (Not surprisingly, Nicodemus didn't get it!)

Baptism is a sign of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are given the Holy Spirit to complete our birth.

Here we identify with the cross of Jesus and turning away from sin, we choose to follow Christ in living His risen life.

We become children of God with a new dignity. God longs for us to experience a new life to the very fullest.

*Let us pray*

Heavenly Father,

by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to 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 to be like Christ; for He is the one who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Bible Reading and short talk

### Luke 18: 15-17

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Promise of Support

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord adds to his church. Family and friends of (this child) will you welcome and support them in their Christian life?

**With the help of God, we will**

Parents and godparents, the Church celebrates as children are brought for baptism. Will you set an example of how to be part of the community of faith?

**With the help of God, we will**

When children are baptised you speak for them. Will you help (child's name) grow into being a part of Christ's church?

**With the help of God, we will**

*These questions are addressed to parents and godparents as they declare their Christian Faith*

Do you turn to Christ? I **turn to Christ**.

Do you repent of your sins? I **repent of my sins**.

Do you renounce evil? I **renounce evil**.

### Signing with the Cross

The sign of the cross is made on the forehead.

Christ claims you as one of his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to say you belong to Jesus Christ.

**Remain strong as a follower of Jesus. Reject sinful things, the attraction of worldly ways and the schemes the devil makes. Remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and restore in you the image of his glory, leading you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen**

### **Profession of Faith**

Let us affirm 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?

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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**

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 thanks and praise**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water . We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son and triumphantly raised him to life on that first Easter day.

Bless this water, that all who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and one with him in his resurrection. Cleanse and deliver all who are baptised from their sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life.

All might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Baptism**

*The priest pours water on the candidate saying:*

Henry Leo James Entwisle, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 all Christ's people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen**

### **Prayers**

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

**Amen**