

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 children/candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: With the help of God, we will.

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and Godparents: With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

Parents and Godparents please stand

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.

**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.**

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.

READING: John Chapter 6, Verses 35-40

ADDRESS

Parents and Godparents go to the font

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All: Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: 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?

**All: 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

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

All: Amen.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Maxwell, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

GIVING OF CANDLE

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.

PRAYERS

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.