

Baptism

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

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N and N*, 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.

We welcome the newly baptized and make our way back to our seats.

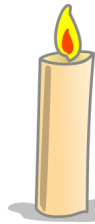
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Prayers

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Giving of the Light



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.

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

Blessing

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.



Introduction

The minister introduces the service in these or other words.

Jesus taught us that, if we want to be part of God's kingdom, we need to be born again through water and the Holy Spirit. He has given us baptism so that we may be washed clean of all sin and share in the joy of his risen life. As children of God, we are made new, and invited to be part of his family forever.

The Collect

(A special prayer)

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 into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Song



Bible Reading

The Baptism of Children

St Paul's, Egham Hythe



Talk

Presentation of the candidates

The minister addresses the whole 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 children* and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

The minister says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *N and N* 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?

Answer: 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?

Answer: With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

Parents and godparents 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?

Answer: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Answer: I renounce them.

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

Answer: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Answer: I submit to Christ.

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

Answer: I come to Christ.



The minister makes the sign of the cross on each candidate's forehead saying

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

Parents and godparents may also sign candidates with the 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. **Amen.**

The minister and candidates gather at the baptismal font.



A Prayer over the Water

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 him thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith



Let us affirm, together with those who are 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?

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. Amen.