

The Baptism of Children

The Parishes of
Aldbrough St John,
Forcett & Melsonby



Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Presentation of the Candidate

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 *N*
and uphold *him/her* in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *N* with joy.

Today we are trusting God for *his/her* growth in faith.

Will you pray for *him/her*,

draw *him/her* by your example into the community of faith
and walk with *him/her* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *N* begins *his/her* journey in faith.
You speak for *him/her* today.
Will you care for *him/her*,
and help *him/her* to take *his/her* place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

Collect & Bible Reading

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

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

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

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**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.

Prayer over the Water

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.

A prayer of blessing over the water

Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm with *N* 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 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

N 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.

Commission & Prayers

The Lord's 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Giving of a Lighted Candle



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.

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