

1. God's Call.

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call when he urged his hearers: 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call'.

Do you hear and accept God's call?

I hear and accept God's call. I ask for baptism.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said to his disciples: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you'.

Do you accept this call?

(All) We hear and accept God's call.

Eternal God who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your people, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

2. Turning to Christ

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Participating in Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. So I ask you, standing now with Christ:

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 from one another?

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.

3. Profession of Faith

I ask you now to affirm the faith of the Christian church:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

4. Commitment to the Church

In Christ, God has given us a new nature, so that day by day we might be conformed to Christ's likeness.

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all creation?

With the help of God, I will.

5. The Baptism

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

In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son, Jesus Christ, received baptism for our sake and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

Send your Holy Spirit on this water, that being baptised in it, N. may be cleansed from sin and born anew as one who belongs to Christ.

It was for you, N., that God's Spirit moved over the waters at creation. It was for you that the Word who was with God in the beginning became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

For you, Jesus suffered and died, crying out at the end 'It is finished!'

For you he triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all. All of this was done for you. And we will remind you of this good news as you continue to grow in faith and into the fulness of the stature of Christ. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

'We love because God loved us first'.

N., I baptise you
In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the sign of the cross, the sign of Christ, to whom you belong forever.

May the light of Christ scatter the darkness from your heart and mind.

**Christ go before you to guide
your steps.**

**Christ be within you to kindle
your vision.**

**Christ shine from you to give joy
to the world.**

6. Welcome

N., God has received you by baptism into the church.

**We welcome you. We will care for
you. We will share Christ with you.**



An Order for Christian Baptism



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