

## Rite of Baptism

*Blest is He who*

*Comes in the*

*Name of the Lord.*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,*

*Sing hosanna to the King.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Dearly beloved, *N*, has been reborn in Baptism. He is now called the child of God, for so indeed he is. In Confirmation he will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion, he will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his Father in the midst of the Church. In the name of this child, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words Our Lord has given us:

**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.**

### The Blessing

God the Father, through His Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the parents of *N*. They now thank God for the gift of their child. May they be one with him in thanking God for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus Our Lord. **R:**

**Amen**

*Parents* are the first teachers of their child in the ways of Faith. May they be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the Faith by what she says and does, in Christ Jesus Our Lord. **R: Amen**

By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may He continue to pour out His Blessings upon those sons and daughters of His. May He make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of His Holy People. May He send His Peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus Our Lord. **R: Amen**

May almighty God,  
The Father,  
And the Son,  
And the Holy Spirit,  
Bless you,  
And remain with you forever  
**R: Amen**

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What names have you given your child?

**Parents: N**

What do you ask of God's Church?

**Parents: N**

You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training *him/her* in the practice of faith. It will be your duty to bring *him/her* up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**Parents: We do**

Are you the Godparents, ready to help *parents* in their duties as a Christian parent?

**Godparents: We are**

*N*, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ Our Saviour by the sign of His Cross. I now trace the Cross on your forehead, and invite your parents and Godparents to do the same



**Celebration of God's Word**

### Intercessions

**Celebrant:** My dear brothers and sisters, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on this child who is to be baptized, on *his/her* parents and godparents and on all the baptized.

**Reader:** By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give *him/her* the new life of baptism and welcome *him/her* into your holy Church. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Through baptism and confirmation, make *him/her* the new life of baptism and welcome *him/her* into your holy Church. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Lead *him/her* by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Make the lives of *his/her* parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Keep *his/her* family always in your love. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
St John the Baptist, pray for us  
St Joseph, pray for us  
St Peter & St Paul, pray for us  
St John, pray for us  
St Luke, pray for us  
St Bernadette, pray for us  
All holy men & women pray for us

### **Anointing before Baptism**

Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him into the splendour of your kingdom of light. We pray for this child; set him free from original sin, make him a temple of your Glory, and send your Holy Spirit to dwell with him. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord,

**R: Amen**

*N*, we anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour, may He strengthen you with His power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R: Amen**

***Springs of water,  
Bless the Lord.  
Give Him glory  
And praise forever.***

My brothers and sisters we now ask God to give *N* new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.

Father, God of mercy,  
Through these waters of Baptism  
You have filled us with new life  
As your very own children

**R: Blessed be God**

From all who are baptized  
In water the Holy Spirit,  
You have formed one People,  
United in Your Son, Jesus Christ

**R: Blessed be God**

You have set us free  
And filled our hearts  
With the Spirit of Your Love  
That we may live in Your Peace.

**R: Blessed be God**

You call those who have been baptised to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.

**R: Blessed be God**

You have called *N*, to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the Faith of Your Church he might have eternal life. Bless + this water in which he will be baptised. We ask this in the name of Christ Our Lord.

**R: Amen**

You have called *N* to this cleansing water that he may share in the Faith of Your Church and have eternal life. By the mystery of this consecrated water, lead him to a new and spiritual birth, through Christ Our Lord.

**R: Amen**

### **Profession of Faith**

Dear Parents and Godparents;  
You have come here to present *N* for Baptism.

By water and the Holy Spirit he is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is Love. On your part you must make it your constant care to bring him up in the practice of the Faith. See that the divine life which God gives him is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his heart. If your Faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own Baptism. Reject sin; profess your Faith in Christ Jesus. This is the Faith of the Church. This is the Faith in which *N* is about to be baptised.

The celebrant questions the parents and godparents.

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan?

**Parents and Godparents: I do**

Celebrant: And all his works?

**Parents and Godparents: I do**

Celebrant: And all his empty promises?

**Parents and Godparents: I do**

**I believe in God**

**The Father Almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**His only Son, Our Lord.**

**He was conceived**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit**

**And born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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**

**He baptizes the child, saying:**

***I baptize you in the name of the Father,***

***And of the Son,***

***And of the Holy Spirit.***

**Anointing with Chrism**

Celebrant : *N*

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his Holy People. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

**All: Amen**

***The celebrant anoints the child on the crown of the head, in silence.***

**Clothing with the White Garment**

Celebrant: *N*, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

**All: Amen**

**The Lighted Candle**

**Christ our Light, alleluia, amen**

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ.

Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He is to walk always as child of the Light. May he keep the flame of Faith alive in his heart. When the Lord comes, may he go out to meet Him with all the Saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.