

For a boy



OF

Name of the child

At

Name of the Church

Date of Baptism

This is omitted if the child has already been presented

Fr Fred: What name have you given your child?

Parents:

Fr Fred: What do you ask of God's Church for.....?

Parents: Baptism.

Fr Fred: You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.

Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

To the Godparents

Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents: We are.

To the community

Fr Fred:..... the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same

2 CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORD

First Reading –

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

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All: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Father Fred

Gospel -

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John –

Jesus said to the crowd:

'No one can come to me

unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly
everybody who believes has eternal life.'

Father Fred: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

3 Prayers of the Faithful

Father Fred: My fellow Christians, let us ask the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord for this child who will receive the gift of baptism, for her parents and godparents, and for all baptised persons.

1. Through baptism, make this child God's own son. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Help this tender branch grow to be more like you, the true vine, and be your faithful followers. Lord, hear us..
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
3. May he always keep your commands, walk in your love, and proclaim your Good News to their fellow friends. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
4. May he be counted as God's friend through your saving work, Lord Jesus, and may she inherit eternal life. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
5. Help the parents and godparents to lead this child to know and love God. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
6. Inspire all men and women to share in the new birth of baptism. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

INVOCATION OF THE SAINTS

Holy Mary, Mother of God	pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist	pray for us.
Saint Joseph	pray for us.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul	pray for us.
St Matthew	pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	pray for us.
All holy men and women	pray for us.

4 ANOINTING WITH THE OIL OF CATECHUMEN

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.

All: Amen

- 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.

All: Amen.

5 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

BLESSING OF THE WATER

My dear brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give this child new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.

Fr Fred: Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as your very own children.

All. Blessed be God.

Fr Fred: From all who are baptized in water and the Holy Spirit, you have formed one people, united in your Son Jesus Christ.

All. Blessed be God.

Fr Fred: You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love that he may live in your peace.

All. Blessed be God.

Fr Fred: You call those who have been baptized to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.

All. Blessed be God.

Fr Fred. You have called your child to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your church that he may have eternal life. Bless + this water in which he will be baptized. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen

6 RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Dear parents and Godparents:

You have come here to present this child 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 this child is about to be baptized.

Fr Fred: Do you reject Satan?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Fr Fred: And all his works?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Fr Fred: And all his empty promises?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Fr Fred: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Fr Fred: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Fr Fred: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Fr Fred: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **R. Amen.**

7 BAPTISM

Fr Fred: Is it your will that should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents & Godparents: It is

Fr Fred:, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

8 ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

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.

9 CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT

....., 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.

10 PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

Receive the light of Christ. – Godparents light the candle

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 a 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.

11 PRAYER OVER EARS AND MOUTH

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

All: Amen.

12 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.**

13 BLESSING

Fr Fred: - blesses the child's mother

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 mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with Him in thanking Him forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

Fr Fred: - blesses the child's father

God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless the father of this child. They will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen

Fr Fred: - blesses the rest of the community

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 this daughter of his. May He make her always, wherever she may be, a faithful member of his holy people. May He send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

Fr Fred:

May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

R. Amen.