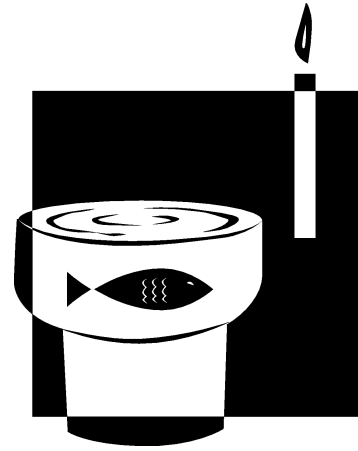


HOLY BAPTISM

OF

NAMEFIRST NAMEMIDDLE NAMELAST



HYMN: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized" # 442, vs. 1
The candidate for baptism and sponsor/s gather with the pastor at the font.

PRESENTATION

The assembly is seated.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsor/s present/s the candidate.

I present **NameFirst NameMiddle NameLast** for baptism.

The pastor addresses the candidate

NameFirst NameMiddle, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

The candidate responds: I do.

Will you live among God's faithful people,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
seek to know Christ through God's Word,
grow in faith and live the Christian life?

The candidate responds: I will.

The pastor addresses sponsors.

Sponsor/s, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support **NameFirst NameMiddle** and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the candidate for baptism. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The pastor addresses the candidate and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The pastor leads the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BAPTISM

The pastor baptizes the candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the pastor says:

NameFirst NameMiddle, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

After the baptism, the assembly responds with:



musical notation for the assembly response: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized."



musical notation for the assembly response: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

The pastor continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the pastor prays:

Sustain **NameFirst NameMiddle** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

NameFirst NameMiddle, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

Let your so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The pastor and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: to introduce people to new life in Jesus Christ that grows into enthusiastic Christian living. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

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The service continues with the prayers of intercession.



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