

Baptism Liturgy

Minister calls forward **parent(s), child** and any sponsor(s). As the parent(s) come forward, the Elder prepares the baptismal fount by removing the cover and pouring in the water.

Presentation by elder – On behalf of Session, I present (**Name of child**) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions asked by minister:

Friends, in presenting your *child* for baptism, you announce your faith in Jesus, and show that you want your *child* to study the faith that we profess, and serve Christ as his chosen disciple. Please show your purpose by answering the following questions:

- Who is your Lord and Savior [Response: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior]
- Do you trust him? [Response: I do]
- Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and teach that faith to your child? [Response: I do]
- Do you intend your child to be his disciple, to obey his word and show his love? [Response: I do]

[To the sponsors, if any:]

- Do you promise through prayer and example, to support and encourage (**Name of child**) to be a faithful Christian? [Response: I do]

Questions of the Congregation by Elder

Will the congregation please stand... Jesus Christ taught us to nurture those who are baptized. Do you, members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to tell (**Name of child**) the good news of the gospel, to help *him/her* know all that Christ commands, and by your community to strengthen *their* family ties with the household of God?

Response: We do.

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptizing and Blessing by the minister:

As pastor puts water on Baptisand's head: "(**Name of Child**), I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, one God who is mother and father of us all."

As pastor makes the sign of the cross with oil on Baptisand's forehead: "You are a child of God, precious and loved in God's sight."

This oil signifies that you have been called and chosen as a servant of Christ – anointed for service in his Kingdom.

Welcome by Elder:

(**Name of Child**) *is* now received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made *him/her a member* of the household of faith to share with us in the ministry of

Jesus Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and love *him/her* and to assist *him/her* in becoming a faithful disciple.

Welcome by the Congregation - *Elder leads*

Please join with me in welcoming **Matthew** with the words printed in your bulletin:

“With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the Good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.”

Presentation of Certificate(s)

***The Song of Blessing**