

Holy Baptism

A HYMN, PSALM, OR ANTHEM MAY BE SUNG.

THE PEOPLE STANDING, THE CELEBRANT SAYS

BLESSED BE GOD: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

PEOPLE AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

IN PLACE OF THE ABOVE, FROM EASTER DAY THROUGH THE DAY OF PENTECOST

CELEBRANT ALLELUIA. CHRIST IS RISEN.

PEOPLE THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA.

IN LENT AND ON OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

CELEBRANT BLESS THE LORD WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SINS;

PEOPLE HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

THE CELEBRANT THEN CONTINUES

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT;

PEOPLE THERE IS ONE HOPE IN GOD'S CALL TO US;

CELEBRANT ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM;

PEOPLE ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL.

CELEBRANT THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.

CELEBRANT LET US PRAY.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PEOPLE AMEN.

AT THE PRINCIPAL SERVICE ON A SUNDAY OR OTHER FEAST, THE COLLECT AND LESSONS ARE PROPERLY THOSE OF THE DAY. ON OTHER OCCASIONS, THEY ARE SELECTED FROM "AT BAPTISM." (SEE ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS, PAGE 312.)

THE LESSONS

THE PEOPLE SIT. ONE OR TWO LESSONS, AS APPOINTED, ARE READ, THE READER FIRST SAYING

A READING (LESSON) FROM _____.

A CITATION GIVING CHAPTER AND VERSE MAY BE ADDED.

AFTER EACH READING, THE READER MAY SAY

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

PEOPLE THANKS BE TO GOD.

OR THE READER MAY SAY HERE ENDS THE READING (EPISTLE).

SILENCE MAY FOLLOW.

A PSALM, HYMN, OR ANTHEM MAY FOLLOW EACH READING.

THEN, ALL STANDING, THE DEACON OR A PRIEST READS THE GOSPEL, FIRST SAYING

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO_____.

PEOPLE GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

AFTER THE GOSPEL, THE READER SAYS

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

PEOPLE PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

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THE SERMON

OR THE SERMON MAY BE PREACHED AFTER THE PEACE.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

THE CELEBRANT SAYS

THE CANDIDATE(S) FOR HOLY BAPTISM WILL NOW BE PRESENTED.

ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN

THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE ABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES ARE PRESENTED

INDIVIDUALLY BY THEIR SPONSORS, AS FOLLOWS

SPONSOR I PRESENT *N.* TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

THE CELEBRANT ASKS EACH CANDIDATE WHEN PRESENTED

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED?

CANDIDATE I DO.

INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

THEN THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES ARE PRESENTED

INDIVIDUALLY BY THEIR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS, AS FOLLOWS

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

I PRESENT *N.* TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

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*WHEN ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED THE CELEBRANT ASKS THE PARENTS AND
GODPARENTS*

WILL YOU BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE CHILD YOU PRESENT
IS BROUGHT UP IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

CELEBRANT

WILL YOU BY YOUR PRAYERS AND WITNESS HELP THIS CHILD TO GROW
INTO THE FULL STATURE OF CHRIST?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

*THEN THE CELEBRANT ASKS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES WHO
CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AND OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS WHO SPEAK
ON BEHALF OF THE INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN*

QUESTION DO YOU RENOUNCE SATAN AND ALL THE SPIRITUAL FORCES
OF WICKEDNESS THAT REBEL AGAINST GOD?

ANSWER I RENOUNCE THEM.

QUESTION DO YOU RENOUNCE THE EVIL POWERS OF THIS WORLD
WHICH CORRUPT AND DESTROY THE CREATURES OF GOD?

ANSWER I RENOUNCE THEM.

QUESTION DO YOU RENOUNCE ALL SINFUL DESIRES THAT DRAW YOU
FROM THE LOVE OF GOD?

ANSWER I RENOUNCE THEM.

QUESTION DO YOU TURN TO JESUS CHRIST AND ACCEPT HIM AS YOUR
SAVIOR?

ANSWER I DO.

QUESTION DO YOU PUT YOUR WHOLE TRUST IN HIS GRACE AND LOVE?

ANSWER I DO.

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QUESTION DO YOU PROMISE TO FOLLOW AND OBEY HIM AS YOUR
LORD?

ANSWER I DO.

WHEN THERE ARE OTHERS TO BE PRESENTED, THE BISHOP SAYS

THE OTHER CANDIDATE(S) WILL NOW BE PRESENTED.

PRESENTERS I PRESENT *THESE PERSONS* FOR CONFIRMATION

OR I PRESENT *THESE PERSONS* TO BE RECEIVED INTO THIS
COMMUNION.

OR I PRESENT *THESE PERSONS* WHO *DESIRE* TO REAFFIRM
THEIR BAPTISMAL VOWS.

THE BISHOP ASKS THE CANDIDATES

DO YOU REAFFIRM YOUR RENUNCIATION OF EVIL?

CANDIDATE I DO.

BISHOP

DO YOU RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST?

CANDIDATE

I DO, AND WITH GOD'S GRACE I WILL FOLLOW HIM AS MY SAVIOR
AND LORD.

AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, THE CELEBRANT ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION,
SAYING

WILL YOU WHO WITNESS THESE VOWS DO ALL IN YOUR
POWER TO SUPPORT *THESE PERSONS* IN *THEIR* LIFE IN CHRIST?

PEOPLE WE WILL.

THE CELEBRANT THEN SAYS THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS

LET US JOIN WITH *THOSE* WHO ARE COMMITTING *THEMSELVES* TO CHRIST
AND RENEW OUR OWN BAPTISMAL COVENANT.

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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

CELEBRANT DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

PEOPLE I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

CELEBRANT DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

PEOPLE 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.

CELEBRANT DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

PEOPLE 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.

CELEBRANT WILL YOU CONTINUE IN THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND
FELLOWSHIP, IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN THE
PRAYERS?

PEOPLE I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

CELEBRANT WILL YOU PERSEVERE IN RESISTING EVIL, AND, WHENEVER
YOU FALL INTO SIN, REPENT AND RETURN TO THE LORD?

PEOPLE I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

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CELEBRANT WILL YOU PROCLAIM BY WORD AND EXAMPLE THE GOOD
NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST?

PEOPLE I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

CELEBRANT WILL YOU SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS, LOVING
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?

PEOPLE I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

CELEBRANT WILL YOU STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AMONG ALL
PEOPLE, AND RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN
BEING?

PEOPLE I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

THE CELEBRANT THEN SAYS TO THE CONGREGATION

LET US NOW PRAY FOR *THESE PERSONS WHO ARE* TO RECEIVE THE
SACRAMENT OF NEW BIRTH [AND FOR THOSE (THIS PERSON) WHO
HAVE RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.]

A PERSON APPOINTED LEADS THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

LEADER DELIVER *THEM*, O LORD, FROM THE WAY OF SIN AND
DEATH.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LEADER OPEN *THEIR HEARTS* TO YOUR GRACE AND TRUTH.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LEADER FILL *THEM* WITH YOUR HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LEADER KEEP *THEM* IN THE FAITH AND COMMUNION OF YOUR HOLY
CHURCH.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LEADER TEACH *THEM* TO LOVE OTHERS IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LEADER SEND *THEM* INTO THE WORLD IN WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LEADER BRING *THEM* TO THE FULLNESS OF YOUR PEACE AND GLORY.

PEOPLE LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

THE CELEBRANT SAYS

GRANT, O LORD, THAT ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED INTO THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON MAY LIVE IN THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND LOOK FOR HIM TO COME AGAIN IN GLORY; WHO LIVES AND REIGNS NOW AND FOREVER. *AMEN.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE CELEBRANT BLESSES THE WATER, FIRST SAYING

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.

CELEBRANT LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

PEOPLE IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

CELEBRANT

WE THANK YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, FOR THE GIFT OF WATER. OVER IT THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVED IN THE BEGINNING OF CREATION. THROUGH IT YOU LED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF THEIR BONDAGE IN EGYPT INTO THE LAND OF PROMISE. IN IT YOUR SON JESUS RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF JOHN AND WAS ANOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THE MESSIAH, THE CHRIST, TO LEAD US, THROUGH HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN INTO EVERLASTING LIFE. WE THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR THE WATER OF BAPTISM. IN IT WE ARE BURIED WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH. BY IT WE SHARE IN HIS RESURRECTION. THROUGH IT WE ARE REBORN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEREFORE IN JOYFUL OBEDIENCE TO YOUR SON, WE BRING INTO HIS

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FELLOWSHIP THOSE WHO COME TO HIM IN FAITH, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AT THE FOLLOWING WORDS, THE CELEBRANT TOUCHES THE WATER

NOW SANCTIFY THIS WATER, WE PRAY YOU, BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT THOSE WHO HERE ARE CLEANSED FROM SIN AND BORN AGAIN MAY CONTINUE FOR EVER IN THE RISEN LIFE OF JESUS

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

TO HIM, TO YOU, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY, NOW AND FOR EVER. *AMEN.*

CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

THE BISHOP MAY THEN CONSECRATE OIL OF CHRISM, PLACING A HAND ON THE VESSEL OF OIL, AND SAYING

ETERNAL FATHER, WHOSE BLESSED SON WAS ANOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE THE SAVIOR AND SERVANT OF ALL, WE PRAY YOU TO CONSECRATE THIS OIL, THAT THOSE WHO ARE SEALED WITH IT MAY SHARE IN THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST; WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, FOR EVER AND EVER. *AMEN.*

THE BAPTISM

EACH CANDIDATE IS PRESENTED BY NAME TO THE CELEBRANT, OR TO AN ASSISTING PRIEST OR DEACON, WHO THEN IMMERSSES, OR POURS WATER UPON, THE CANDIDATE, SAYING

N., I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

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WHEN THIS ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR ALL CANDIDATES, THE BISHOP OR PRIEST, AT A PLACE IN FULL SIGHT OF THE CONGREGATION, PRAYS OVER THEM, SAYING
LET US PRAY.

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU THAT BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON *THESE* YOUR SERVANTS THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN, AND HAVE RAISED *THEM* TO THE NEW LIFE OF GRACE. SUSTAIN *THEM*, O LORD, IN YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. GIVE *THEM* AN INQUIRING AND DISCERNING HEART, THE COURAGE TO WILL AND TO PERSEVERE, A SPIRIT TO KNOW AND TO LOVE YOU, AND THE GIFT OF JOY AND WONDER IN ALL YOUR WORKS. *AMEN.*

THEN THE BISHOP OR PRIEST PLACES A HAND ON THE PERSON'S HEAD, MARKING ON THE FOREHEAD THE SIGN OF THE CROSS [USING CHRISM IF DESIRED] AND SAYING TO EACH ONE

N., YOU ARE SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN BAPTISM AND MARKED AS CHRIST'S OWN FOR EVER. AMEN.

OR THIS ACTION MAY BE DONE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE WATER AND BEFORE THE PRECEDING PRAYER.

WHEN ALL HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED, THE CELEBRANT SAYS

LET US WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

WE RECEIVE YOU INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD. CONFESS THE FAITH OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED, PROCLAIM HIS RESURRECTION, AND SHARE WITH US IN HIS ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD.

IF CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, OR THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS IS NOT TO FOLLOW, THE PEACE IS NOW EXCHANGED

CELEBRANT THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE ALWAYS WITH YOU.

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.