

Concerning this Publication

(February, 2013) This liturgy was developed at St. Andrew's Church (Anglican) in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. We believe it incorporates some of the best parts of our liturgical heritage but feel free to modify it for your own use. The parts in green are either optional or need to be edited. This particular liturgy is presented with two children being baptized. If it was only used for one child, the personal pronouns need to be changed. Take note that at the end of the service, when the minister prays over each child, there is a version for a male and one for a female.

We personalize the liturgy for all of our baptisms and print this in a booklet format with enough copies for each person in the baptismal party. On the inside cover of the booklet, we print the child's name, parents' names, and sponsors' names, along with the celebrant.

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An Order for Baptism

¶ The minister addresses the congregation.

When our Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, He commanded His disciples to preach the gospel to all nations and to baptize those who believe. They obeyed His command and we read of the apostle Peter preaching in these words, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

Children of Christians are baptized with the understanding that they will be brought up as faithful members of the Church, to follow Christ and to fight against evil; and that when they are of age to take upon themselves the promises made today on their behalf they will be brought to the bishop to be confirmed by him. As they grow up they need encouragement, teaching, and the help of good examples, so that they may learn to worship God, to pray to Him, to put their faith and trust in Him, and to take their place in the life of the Church.

¶ The minister addresses the parents and godparents who answer on behalf of the children they present:

Parents and godparents, these children depend chiefly on you for the help and encouragement they need. Are you willing to give them this help and encouragement by every means in your power?

Parents and Godparents

I am willing.

Celebrant 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 these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

¶Parents, godparents, and those able to answer for themselves respond to the following questions

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.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People We will.

¶The minister then says these words to the congregation

Let us together renew our own 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.

¶The minister continues

Let us now pray for N. and N. (use the familiar names of the children) who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

¶A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the bondage 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 minister concludes the prayers with this prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

¶Pouring the water into the font the minister prays

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 Christ, to rescue us, by his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin and to give to us everlasting life.

Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship these children, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Now sanctify this water, we pray You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are baptized may receive the fullness of Your grace and ever remain in the number of Your faithful and chosen children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

¶The minister says to the parents and godparents of the child presented for baptism:

Name this child.

¶The family names the child they present.

I present N.N (The child is presented by given names. The surname is not used.)

¶The minister baptizes the child by dipping or immersing in water or by pouring water.

N.N, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We receive you into the congregation of Christ's flock, and sign you with the sign of the cross, in token that hereafter you will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and **manfully (male baptismal candidates)** to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant until your life's end.

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We receive you into the congregation of Christ's flock, and sign you with the sign of the cross, in token that hereafter you will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and **courageously (female candidates)** to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant until your life's end.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.