



The Order of Service for Holy Baptism

Welcome to St Luke's and Christ Church Chelsea.

We are delighted that you are here to celebrate baptism as parent, godparent, family member or friend.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues throughout our lives. Here we may also remember our own baptism and commit ourselves anew to walking in Christ's way with those who are now to be baptised.

This service includes vivid and powerful symbols of our faith: water, which cleanses and refreshes us; the cross, anointed on our forehead in oil to mark our following in Christ's path of self-sacrificial love; and a lighted candle, to show our lives as illuminated by Christ, the Light of the World.

Jesus said 'Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And remember, I am with you always'. Pray regularly for those being baptised today as we shall too.

If you would like to be added to our weekly email list with information about church and other events, please pass you email address to parishoffice@chelseaparish.org

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Welcome and Preparation

The priest welcomes the congregation and informally explains some of the key aspects of the service.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all
All and also with you.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of
this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made
clean. Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity and
God calls us to fullness of life.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the
water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith
and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son,
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit
now and for ever.
Amen.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Promise of Support

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome *these children* and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *these children* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *their* growth in faith. Will you pray for *them*, draw *them* by your example into the community of faith and walk with *them* in the way of Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *these children* begin *their* journey in faith. You speak for *them* today. Will you care for *them*, and help *them* to take *their* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

All With the help of God, we will.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The priest stands before the water of baptism and says.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

Bless this water that your servants, who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith, and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life.
All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism

The priest pours water on each candidate saying:

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

All **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for these children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your people; keep us faithful to our baptism, and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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