

Baptism

Based on the *Book of Common Prayer* starting at page 297

Greeting

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Answer: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever**
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Answer: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Leader: There is one Body and one Spirit
Answer: **There is one hope in God's call to us**
Leader: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism
Answer: **One God and Father of all**
Leader: The Lord be with you
Answer: **And also with you**

The Collect

Almighty God,
By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You turn us from the old life of sin:
Grant that we, being reborn to new life in Him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Presentation of the Candidates *(A representative of the congregation presents the candidates one at a time)*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism we are initiated into Christ's body, as His Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given a new birth by water and the Spirit. This is God's indissoluble gift of grace freely offered to all who love Him.

For all those 13 years old or older who speak for themselves

Representative: I present *Full Name* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor: Do you desire to be Baptized?

Answer: **I do.**

For the parent or guardian of those under the age of 13

Representative: The *parents* present *Full Name* present *their child* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor: (to parents) Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer: **We will, with God's help**

Pastor: (to parent) Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer: **We will, with God's help**

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Examination of the Candidates

- Pastor: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: **I do**
- Pastor: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer: **I do**
- Pastor: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer: **I do**
- Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer: **I do**
- Pastor: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?
Answer: **I do**
- Pastor: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer: **I do**

Presentation of Those Remembering Their Baptism

- Representative: I present *Full Name* who desires to reaffirm *his* baptismal vows.
Pastor: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Answer: **I do.**
- Pastor: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Answer: **I do.**
- Pastor: Will you continue to follow Him as your Savior and Lord?
Answer: **I will**

The Covenant of All Believers

- Pastor: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?
Answer: **We will**
- Pastor: Let us join all with *those who are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?
Answer: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth**
- Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Answer: **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.

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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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Answer: **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.**

Pastor: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Answer: **We will**

Pastor: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Answer: **We will**

Pastor: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Answer: **We will**

Pastor: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Answer: **We will**

Pastor: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Answer: **We will**

Prayers for the Candidates

Pastor: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ

Representative: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Representative: Open their hearts to your grace and truth

Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Representative: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit

Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Representative: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church

Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Representative: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit

Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Representative: Send them into the world in witness to your love

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Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Representative: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory

Answer: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Pastor: 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: And now, with the confidence of the Children of God, let us pray

All: **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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water *The Pastor enters the river*

Pastor:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over the waters of creation the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through the Red Sea You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In the river Jordan, 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 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 (+).

Now sanctify these waters of the South Llano River, we pray, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever 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 forever.

Amen.

(Consecration of the Chrism

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.)

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The Baptism

The Representative invites each person to come into the river. (Be sure to use the full name so the pastor can hear it. Also, make sure the pastor knows whether the person is being Baptized or remembering their Baptism)

Pastor: *(for those being Baptized):* Name, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: *(for remembering Baptism):* Name, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and His kingdom. in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Chrismation

Pastor: *(anointing on the forehead)* Name, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Prayer After Baptism

Pastor:

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.

Welcome

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly Baptized

Answer: 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.

Closing Prayer

Pastor:

Almighty God,

We thank you that by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have overcome sin and brought us to Yourself, and that by the sealing of Your Holy Spirit You have bound us to Your service. Renew In all Your *servants* the covenant You made with *them* at Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service You set before each of us through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Benediction