

# Holy Trinity WATERHEAD

## Holy Baptism

### The Greeting

**Priest** 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.

### Introduction

*The priest introduces the service*

### The Bible

*The reader concludes the reading saying,*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### The Liturgy of Baptism

**Priest** 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 / candidates* and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**All** With the help of God, we will.

**Priest** 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.

**Priest** 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.

### The Decision

**Priest** In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

**Priest** Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**Candidate, or parents and godparents:** I reject them.

**Priest** Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**Candidate, or parents and godparents:** I renounce them.

**Priest** Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**Candidate, or parents and godparents:** I repent of them.

**Priest** Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**Candidate, or parents and godparents:** I turn to Christ.

**Priest** Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**Candidate, or parents and godparents:** I submit to Christ.

**Priest** Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**Candidate, or parents and godparents:** I come to Christ.

### Signing with the Cross

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

**Priest** 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.

**Priest** 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.

*The priest and candidates gather at the baptismal font.*

**Priest** Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All** who keeps his promise for ever.

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The priest then blesses the water in the font, saying*

We thank you ... now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

### The Profession of Faith

**Priest** Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

**Priest** Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Priest** Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Priest** Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All** 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. Amen.

## The Baptism

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

**All** Amen.

**Priest** You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are  
baptised into Christ have put on Christ.

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.

*The priest then commissions those who have been baptised:*

**Priest** We have brought *these children* to baptism ... in the way  
of faith.

**Priest** There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
N by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All** **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*The Peace, introduced by the priest:*

**Priest** We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** **and also with you.**

**Priest** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Each of the newly baptised is given a lighted candle.*

**Priest** 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 prayers, led by the priest*

*At the end of the prayers:*

**Priest** Jesus taught us to call God our Father. In confidence we  
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, the power and the  
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*The blessing*

*The priest says a blessing, and all respond*

**All** Amen.

**Priest** Go in the light and peace of Christ,

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

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