



Order for Holy Baptism

May be used at a public service.

A hymn may be sung.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Friends in Christ,

All people are born in sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ has said, “No one can see the kingdom of God without being born again” (see John 3:3). Let us call upon God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his goodness and mercy he will receive _____ Name _____ by baptism and make _____ Name _____ a member of his holy church.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose power we are born again: Grant to all those who seek the gift of Holy Baptism your everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5). Receive them, O Lord, as you have promised through your beloved Son, saying, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7 *ESV*), through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.



For the baptism of children.

Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.’ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them” (Mark 10:13-16 *ESV*).

Our risen Lord Jesus Christ said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20 *ESV*).

LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

- OR -

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



For the baptism of children.

Then shall the minister say to those who present the child.

In obedience to our Lord's command, you bring this child for Holy Baptism. I therefore ask you:



For the baptism of adults.

_____, I ask you:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Response: I believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. 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?

Response: I believe.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting?

Response: I believe.

Receive the sign of the cross, on your head and on your heart, as a sign that you will know the Lord, the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering.

____ Name _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.†

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace for life eternal. Amen.

Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God and Father, we give you thanks for preserving and extending your church and for granting _____ Name _____ new birth in Holy Baptism, receiving *him/her* as your child and an heir to your eternal kingdom. We humbly ask you to defend and keep *him/her* in this grace, that *he/she* may never depart from you, but may always live according to your will, finally receiving the fullness of your promise in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For the baptism of children.

Dear Christian friends:

As sponsors you are witnesses that this child has been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are also to remember *him/her* before God in prayer; and, if the parents are not able to fulfill their obligations, you shall, as far as possible, see to it that the Holy Scriptures are placed in *his/her* hands, that *he/she* is taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and that *he/she* is brought to the services of God's house, so that as *he/she* grows in years *he/she* may abide in Christ, even as now, through Holy Baptism, *he/she* has been grafted into him.

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

* *Christian* is the standard term used in the vernacular (German) translations of the creeds by the Reformers.

† Or, "_____ is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

EMERGENCY BAPTISM

When an unbaptized child is in danger of dying, and no pastor is available, any Christian should proceed to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Apply water to the head of the child saying:

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

If time allows, the Lord's Prayer may be said.

In the case of an adult, ask:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Do you wish to be baptized?

Upon affirmation proceed to apply water to the person's head saying:

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

If time allows, the Lord's Prayer may be said.

The baptism should be reported to the home congregation.



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