

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we're trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

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

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

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

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

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

I come to Christ.

The Presentation

Receive this book. It is the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide to a new life through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Confession of Faith

(congregation stands)

The minister addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these parents and godparents, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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 minister dips the child in water or pours water on the child, saying:

Forname Middlename Surname, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As the minister makes the sign of the cross on the child, he says:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

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. Amen.

The minister addresses the congregation, parents and godparents

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body. **Forname**, we welcome you to the family of God.

Final prayer:

May God, who has received **Forename** by baptism into his covenant family, the church, pour upon him the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people, and growing up in a family wholly committed to your service, he may in time profess faith in Christ for himself, being daily renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Give to **Father** and **Mother** your Spirit of wisdom and grace; that their home may reflect the joy of knowing you, so that as **Forename** grows up, there will never be a time of which he may say, "I didn't know the Lord." This we ask in the name of our only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen