

The SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scriptural Words

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God.

The Sacrament of Baptism

You have brought your child/ren here desiring for him/her/them Christian baptism, which is the sacrament of entrance into the love and care of the Church of Christ. This is a service of thanksgiving, as offer to God the gratitude of our hearts for the hope and the happiness which come into our lives by the presence of this/these child/ren. It is also the recognition of God as the giver of life and a testimony that all children are God's.

To the Parent(s):

This service is also a service of dedication and consecration; the dedication of your child/ren to God, and your own consecration to a renewed fidelity, that you may give your/these child/ren the ways that you have learned of the love of God and the life of a Christian.

Do you now promise to live so that the love of God is not hidden from this/these child/ren?

Do you promise to teach your/these child/ren the principles of our Christian faith and that you will pray with and for him?

Let us pray...O God grant to these your servants the grace to perform that which they have promised before you. Sanctify with your Spirit this child now to be baptized and committed in Christian faith to you. Amen

The Baptism

By what name shall this child be called?

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

This child is now received into the love and care of the Church in the good hope that he/she/they may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Jesus Christ but may be kept in His love and service, and continue to be Christ's faithful servant

Prayer of Consecration

Bless this/these child/ren O God
In Spirit you have witnessed his/her/their baptism(s)
Publicly we stand with this family and for you
Thank you for the symbols of this sacrament
In the days and years to follow may we all bravely follow Jesus Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

To the Creator who gives life
We bless your life
To the Lord who shows us how to love
We give you love
To the One who taught us to love God, love kindness and
 Live humbly,
We give you to Him
In the presence of this congregation and in the name of Jesus Christ,

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