

The baptism

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

All Amen.

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 commission

The priest commissions the newly baptised:

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

All Amen.

Giving of a lighted candle

Each of the newly baptised is given a lighted candle.

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

At the end of each of the three short prayers, we say:

All Amen.

Jesus taught us to call God our Father.
So, 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.**

The blessing

The priest says a blessing, and all respond

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ,

All Thanks be to God.

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Notices

Children

We have a small crèche area at the back of the Church.

Churches and their contents can be very attractive to young children. Although we try to secure everything, we do ask you to please keep an eye on them.

More information

Please ask if you require help or information concerning any aspect of our worship and work. Please look at our website, which is updated continually: www.holytrinitywaterhead.co.uk

The maintenance of this church

Please help us to continue maintaining this Church as a place of worship for future generations. To that end, a collection plate will be available near the door of the Church after the service. We hope you will feel able to make a contribution.

Service of Holy Baptism

Introduction and greeting

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.

The priest introduces the service with

- A statement explaining the origins of baptism
- A prayer
- A short reading from the Bible

The liturgy of baptism

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.

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.

In baptism *these children* begin their journey in faith. And 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

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:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Candidate/parents/godparents: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidate/parents/godparents: I renounce them.

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

Candidate/parents/godparents: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidate/parents/godparents: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidate/parents/godparents: I submit to Christ.

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

Candidate/parents/godparents: I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Each candidate is signed with the cross

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.

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.

Blessing the water in the font

We thank you Almighty God ... now and for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of the Christian faith

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, the source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.