

We praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for spiritual life. May God fulfil his promise and complete his saving work in you. May he bring you into all the joys of his eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, you have brought us from death to life; we dedicate ourselves to you. Produce in us the fruit of your Spirit. Equip us to serve your people and advance your gospel in the world. Enable us to live holy and righteous lives and to please you in all that we do; in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the parents and godparents of _____. Give them the spirit of wisdom and love, that they may teach by word and example to know you. Grant us in our homes the joy that comes from knowing you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 for ever. Amen.

***We welcome you to join us
at our regular Sunday church services
8:00am, 9:30am, 5:30pm***

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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

“People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 10:13-16

When our Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, he commanded his disciples to preach the gospel to all nations and to baptise those who believe. They obeyed his command and we read of the apostle Peter preaching in these words, “Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him”.

We read here the promise of God to give forgiveness and his Holy Spirit to all who turn to Christ. This promise also embraces the children of God's people. The risen Jesus is willing to give the blessing of eternal life to our children whom we bring to him in faith. Children must themselves express their faith in God when they are able to do so. They must turn away from sin and put their trust in Jesus Christ.

The minister invites the parents and godparents to stand.

You who already trust in Christ are asked to make the baptismal promises on behalf of this child. You must also undertake to teach and encourage him in the same faith.

Are you yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, trusting the gracious promises of God? **I am.**

Are you willing to sponsor _____, answering for him now and accepting responsibility for his Christian upbringing in the life of the Church?

I am willing.

I ask you now to answer in the name of this child:

Do you turn away from your sins, the Devil and all evil?

I turn away from them all.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

_____ has been brought for baptism. Let us all profess the faith into which she is to be baptised and nurtured.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy apostolic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Do you profess this faith? **I do.**

Will you follow Jesus faithfully, and obey his commands throughout your life?

With his help, I intend to do so.

Lord, our merciful God, you have promised in Christ to be our God and the God and Father of our children. Fulfil your promise to us, and for Jesus Christ's sake receive this child as a member of your family. Grant that he may receive the fullness of your grace and the washing away of all his sins, for without these blessings no one can enter your kingdom. May your Spirit live and work in him, that he may be yours forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

We receive you and welcome you
as a fellow member of the body of Christ,
as a child of the same heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.

I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified
and that you are not to be ashamed
to confess your faith in him.