

**THE ORDER FOR
RECEIVING INTO THE CONGREGATION
OF THOSE PRIVATELY BAPTIZED**

It is expedient that those baptized in emergency should be publicly received and welcomed into the congregation. Such emergency baptisms should always be registered in the parish register of baptisms, noting where and by whom the baptism was administered. The receiving into the congregation may be noted in the margin.

The Gathering of God's People

GREETING

The presiding minister greets the people in these or other suitable words:

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all
and also with you.

or

From Easter Day to Pentecost

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! *Luke 24: 34*

The minister may use these or other words:

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fulness of life.

PENITENCE

The minister says

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection after which these or other suitable words or the seasonal Penitential Kyries (pages 224-236) are used:

Lord God, you created the world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

This hymn of praise or some other may be said or sung.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The presiding minister says

Let us pray.

The community may pray silently.

THE COLLECT

The Collect of the Day or a Collect from those set out in the Seasonal Variations below is said

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

READINGS

from the Old Testament and/or the New Testament should normally be as appointed in the Table of Readings. Special baptismal readings can be below..

After each reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow each reading.

A canticle, psalm, hymn or anthem may be sung between the readings.

All stand

THE GOSPEL

The reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to ..., chapter ..., beginning at verse ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

Silence may follow.

The Presentation

The presiding minister invites those who have been baptized in emergency, together with their sponsors, to stand in view of the congregation.

The presiding minister asks the sponsors

Have you made certain that *was* baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

We have.

The presiding minister says to the sponsors

Parents and godparents, do you accept the responsibilities placed upon you as sponsors?

We do.

By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage in the life and faith of the Christian community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *these children* began their journey in faith.

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?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

At this point testimony may be given by one or more of those being received.

The presiding minister says to those able to answer for themselves, and to the sponsors of others

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to 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 proud 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 presiding minister says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will support them.

The presiding minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each one, either here or after the profession of faith, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Live as a disciple of Christ,

fight the good fight,

finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection,

look for his coming in glory.

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.**

A hymn may be sung.

The Thanksgiving

The presiding minister says

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you called / *these your servants* to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. **Amen.**

May and all who are baptized be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. Dying to sin and rising to newness of life, may they continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister shall ask the following question of each of those being received, or, in the case of those unable to answer for themselves, their sponsors:

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which *you have* (.... *has*) been baptized?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church, together with those being received.

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 God the Son?

**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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in God 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.**

If those who have been baptized were not signed with the cross immediately after the Decision, they are signed now.

[[Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Live as a disciple of Christ,
fight the good fight,
finish the race, keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.]]**

The presiding minister says

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister, saying

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

Prayers of the People

The following prayer or other suitable prayer(s) may be said:

Father, we thank you that *have* been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and *have* become your own *children* by adoption, and *members* of your Church.

Grant that *they* may grow in the faith in which *they have* been baptized;
Grant that *they* themselves may confess it when *they come* to be confirmed;
Grant that *they* may bear witness to it by a life of service to others;
and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This, or another prayer for the family, may be used:

Almighty God, bless the *home* of *these children*,
and give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of *them*,
that by their word and good example
they may teach *them* to know and love you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Other prayers for the community of the baptized and for God's mission in the world
may be said, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY and the LORD'S PRAYER*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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.**

Going Out as God's People

The presiding minister may say the seasonal blessing or another suitable blessing

or

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The presiding minister or another person may give each of the newly baptized a lighted candle.

The newly baptized are sent out with these words:

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.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen.