

St Mary's Church, Temple Balsall
Sample Service of Baptism



The Baptism of [*name*]
at St. Mary the Virgin, Temple Balsall by
[*name of Priest*]
[*date*]

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

*The candidate may be presented to the congregation
The president addresses the whole congregation.*

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 this child and uphold him/her in his/her new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the church receives [*name*] with joy. Today we are trusting God for his/her growth in faith. Will you pray for him/her, draw him/her by example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

All With the help of God, we will

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

All With the help of God we will

The Decision

The president addresses the candidate through their parents and god parents

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?
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

Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate saying

[*name*] Christ claims you as his own. Receive the sign of the Cross

The president says

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

Prayer over Water

The ministers and candidate gather at the baptismal font

Praise God who made heaven and earth

All Who keeps his promise for ever

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The prayer over the Water, follows ending with

All Amen

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All 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?

All 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

Baptism

The president pours water on teach candidate saying

[*name*] I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

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 Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism:

[*name*] by one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation may welcome the newly baptized.