

Adult Baptism – an order of service

Welcome and Introduction

As – (name) - come to be baptised we all share in the Church's Sacrament of Baptism. It is a time for all of us to be reminded of the free gift of God's love which is poured out on us before ever we know anything about it ... and it is a time for us to rejoice in the difference that love can make to us all as we make it our own in faith.

Prayer of Preparation

Readings on Baptism

This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.

(1 John 4:10)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Jesus showed that the love of God has no limits as he went to the cross and on the third day rose again from the dead. It was then that he challenged his disciples to take the Good News of that love to the uttermost ends of the world.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

The disciples bided their time until with the outpouring of the Spirit of God they were empowered by God to go out into the streets with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Peter was the first to preach the message. When the people in Jerusalem heard what he had to say they wanted to know what they could do.

Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away - everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. (Acts 2:38-39)

From that day on Baptism became the sign of the change that God's love in Jesus Christ can make in our lives. Those coming to believe in Jesus Christ were baptised and their families too.

Baptism Today

So it is that (name) - come to be baptised today.

In Baptism, God our Father welcomes us into a covenant relationship with him, declaring that we are his children through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and that our future lies with him through the Holy Spirit.

Baptism is a powerful sign that God's grace is not dependent on anything we do - but is poured out quite freely on each of us. The grace of God in Christ Jesus has the power to change our lives enabling us to die to the world and to rise again to newness of life in Christ Jesus our Lord. But that grace can only make a difference to us as we make it our own, responding to the love of God in Christ Jesus simply by turning and trusting ourselves to him in faith.

Worship songs

It is a joy to all in the church that –(names) - are able to come forward and make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Testimony

Move outside to pool

(Name) –do you repent/turn from your sin previous life? I do

(Name) –do you renounce all evil and dark practices? I do

(Name) –do you turn to Jesus and put your faith /trust in him alone? I do

Therefore I baptise you in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit

Full immersion

Prayers and scripture

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

We welcome you into the holy church of Jesus Christ and we commit to praying for you supporting you and above all loving you as we walk together in the grace of God