

## HOLY BAPTISM

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# HOLY BAPTISM – St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kamloops

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The celebrant says,*

The candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

### Adults and Older Children

*Candidates able to answer for themselves are presented by their parents and sponsors as follows:*

*Sponsor* I present N to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*The celebrant asks each candidate when presented,*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

### Infants and Younger Children

*Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their parents and sponsors as follows:*

*Parents and sponsors,*

I present N to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*When all have been presented the celebrant asks the parents and sponsors,*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Parents and sponsors,*

I will, with God’s help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and sponsors,*

I will, with God’s help.

*Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

- Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Answer* I renounce them.
- Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Answer* I renounce them.
- Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Answer* I renounce them.
- Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?
- Answer* I do.
- Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Answer* I do.
- Question* Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?
- Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons in their* life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The celebrant then says to the congregation,*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*A person appointed leads the following litany.*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The leader concludes,*

Grant, O Lord,  
that all who are baptized  
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son  
may live in the power of his resurrection  
and look for him to come again in glory;  
who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

## The Celebration of Baptism

### Thanksgiving over the Water

*The celebrant blesses the water, using one of the following forms.*

*All* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the  
gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.  
*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea,  
you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the  
promised land.  
*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he  
was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was  
anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered  
the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us  
free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us  
the joy and freedom of everlasting life.  
*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks for you have called *N* to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All* **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

*The celebrant then says these or similar words.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again**



**to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall  
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of  
God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your  
neighbour as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and  
respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,  
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the celebrant, or to an assisting priest or  
deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidates, saying,*

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

*The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each one (using chrism if  
desired) saying to each,*

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

*The celebrant, at a place in the full sight of the congregation, prays over the newly baptized, saying,*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

### **The Giving of the Light**

*One of the ministers may then give to each of the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying,*

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*Then all of the newly baptized have received candles, the people say,*

**Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People* We receive you into the household of God.  
**Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**