



Church of the Holy Redeemer

Baptism Service

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

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

We rejoice today with the families of those brought for baptism.

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 fullness of life.

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jesus says, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, because we wanted to, in what we have thought, and said, and done, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry, and turn our back on all of our sins.

Because of what your son, Jesus Christ, has done, forgive us everything that is past; and grant that we may serve you, knowing that you have forgiven us, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING

SERMON

A HYMN may be sung

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 these children/candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism these children begin 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.

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 turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

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 thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain,
refresh and cleanse all life.



Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE BAPTISM

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

We have brought these children to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for them and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ they will know the forgiveness of their sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As they grow up, they will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that they may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve their neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching. As their parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding these children in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for these children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N and N*, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

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.

A HYMN, may be sung

PRAYERS

**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.

CLOSING HYMN – a collection will be taken as we sing

CLOSING BLESSING

Family life at Holy Redeemer

If you are visiting Holy Redeemer and would like to know more about our Church, please talk to one of our ministers or welcomers before you leave.



We meet for tea/coffee in the hall immediately before our Baptism services — please join us if you can.

Little Angels meets in the church hall on Monday mornings during term time from 9.30—11.00am and is for preschool children and their parents/carers. Call in to find out more.



Let's Go! meets in church each Thursday morning in term-time for half an hour from 10.30am. There is singing, storytelling, prayer and craft activities for pre-schoolers and their carers.

Open Church — provides a space for prayer and reflection, and a place for refreshments in the hall between 9.30am and 11.30am again in term-time.

Church of the Holy Redeemer York

If you are visiting us for the first time today, welcome to our church.

If you don't go to church very often, or usually go to a different church, you might find one or two things a bit strange at first.

Hopefully, the pointers below will help you to enjoy your experience with us today:



Photography: Please avoid taking flash photography during the service. If you wish to take photographs, the church will remain open after the service for you to arrange any photographs you might want to take around the font.



Silence: During the service (and before the service begins), there may be short periods of silence for reflection. Please respect other members of the congregation at these times. **In particular, please remember to turn off your mobile phone before the service begins.**



Activity boxes: If you have young children with you, we provide activity boxes to help occupy them during the service. You will find them on the ledge running down the right-hand side of the church. Please help yourself to one of these before the service begins or ask for assistance.



Service sheet: Parts printed in normal type are usually said just by the person leading the service. **Passages written in bold print are for Parents and Godparents (or for the whole congregation) to join in with.**



Prayers: At several points during the service, prayers will be said. Sometimes we may stand, at other times sit or kneel. **You are very welcome to light a prayer candle before or after the service.**

Giving: If you wish to support the work of the church, please feel free to do so when collection plates are passed round during the service. (If you are a UK taxpayer and are willing to provide your name and address you can use our Gift Aid envelopes to enable us to reclaim the tax on any money that you give).

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We hope that you enjoy your time with us and that we will see you again soon. If you would like further information about church activities, please ask the minister or one of the church members who welcomed you this morning.