

# HOLY BAPTISM

## THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that Josiah, Elliot and Olivia, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to Josiah, Elliot and Olivia that which by nature he cannot have.

## THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents/  
Godparents** **I present Josiah, Elliot and Olivia Smith to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Today, on behalf of Josiah, Elliot and Olivia, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that Josiah, Elliot and Olivia are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When they have embraced all these, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may publicly claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Celebrant Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

**Parents/  
Godparents** **I am, the Lord being my helper.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer** **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer** **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer** **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

**Answer** **I do.**

Celebrant Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**Answer** **I do.**

Celebrant Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

**Answer** **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

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

**Congregation** **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?  
People **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
People **I do. 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.**

#### LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATES

Leader Let us now pray for Josiah, Elliot and Olivia who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.  
That Josiah, Elliot and Olivia may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That they may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon Josiah, Elliot and Olivia your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, pours the water for Baptism.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove. 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 made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE BAPTISM**

Celebrant Name these Candidates.

Josiah/Elliot/Olivia , I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Celebrant Josiah/Elliot/Olivia , receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days.

**All Amen.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants Josiah, Elliot and Olivia the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And with your spirit.**