

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation *Candidate for baptism & sponsor gather with the minister at the font. The assembly is seated.*

L God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

S I present Darin E. Wade for baptism.

L Darin, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Candidate responds: I do.

L Parker, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

S I do.

L People of God, do you promise to support Darin and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do. *The assembly stands.*

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidate & sponsor for baptism. The assembly may also respond.

L I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **C I renounce them.**

L Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **C I renounce them.**

L Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **C I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.

L Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

L Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

L The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

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

L We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen. *The assembly may be seated.*

Baptism

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

L Darin, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

L and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

L and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

L Sustain Darin with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

L Darin, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C Amen.**

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

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

The group faces the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

L Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.