

BAPTISM

N, 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**

THE WELCOME

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.**

The congregation return to their seats.

PRAYERS

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Sit or kneel

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Child(ren), with parents, stand at the front of the church.

Each is given a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ:

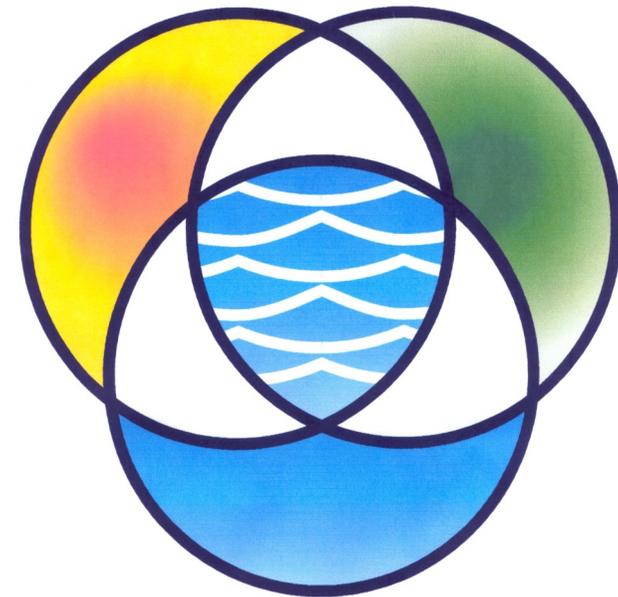
walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

THE BLESSING

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Parish Church of Saint Peter's Hale



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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The child(ren), with parents and godparents, stand at the front of church.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. People of God, will you welcome these children and support them on 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, walk with them in the way of Christ and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's church?

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THE DECISION

The Pascal candle is lit.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to a 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.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of each child.

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

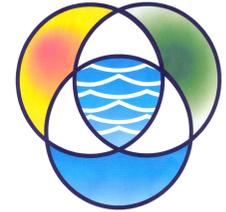
May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore you in the image of his glory,
And lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**



PRAYER OVER THE WATER

*The child(ren), with parents and godparents, move to the font.
The congregation may follow.*

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 thanks and praise.



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the River Jordan:
we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless 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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith,
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;

For all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.
Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

All stand.

Let us affirm, with these who are being baptized, our common faith. :

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.