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St Mary's Church, Thorpe - HOLY BAPTISM SERVICE TEXT (outside the Eucharist)

NOTICES & WELCOME

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.** *The minister introduces the service, then a time of silence is kept*

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give 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.

All **Amen.** *the congregation is asked to Sit*

BIBLE READING *At the end of the bible reading, the person reading will say:*

This is the Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY *The priest gives a short talk before inviting the parents and godparents to stand on the step facing the congregation ready to make their promise on behalf of the child / candidate.*

HYMN *when the financial collection is taken for St Mary's Church. Please encourage guests to complete a yellow gift-aid envelope for their donation. To collect in the offerings, please pass the basket along the row as directed by the wardens on duty at the service.*

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES *The priest addresses the whole congregation first:*

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 this child and uphold him/her in his/her new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The parents and godparents are addressed by the priest and respond to the next two questions:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his /her growth in faith. Will you pray for him/her, draw him/her by your example into the community of faith and walk with him/her in the way of Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism this child begins his/her journey in faith. You speak for him/her today. Will you care for him/her, and help him/her to take his/her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

All **With the help of God, we will.** *The priest addresses the congregation. All Stand.*

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All **I come to Christ.**

The candidate is signed with the Holy oil of Baptism on the forehead – the priest says:
Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

The priest addresses the congregation:

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

**All 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.**

The priest prays over the child(ren):

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

All Amen. *The parents and candidates now move over to the font.*

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

A seasonal prayer of blessing over the waters of the font is said by the priest. We use fresh warm water in the font for every baptism. The prayer ends with:

... to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *The whole congregation with parents and godparents join in.*

I ask you to profess on behalf of these candidates the faith of the Church.

**All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.** *Ephesians 3*

BAPTISM

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The child / candidate is now signed with Christ's name in the oil of holy Chrism, as a sign of the authority we receive under Jesus. (Alpha and Omega – beginning and end) Then the priest prays:

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.

All Amen.

WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body. (Therefore we say together)

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's Prayer follow. Then a parent is presented with a lit candle on behalf of the child / candidate. (The light for this is taken from the Easter/Paschal Candle)

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.

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

The service concludes with a prayer of blessing.

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