

A Baptism Ritual for the Evangelical Church
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It is our privilege to witness and participate in ___ baptisms this morning. Please listen carefully to the following definition of baptism:

Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, instituted by Jesus Christ, to be unto the person baptized a symbol of his identification with Jesus in his death, burial and resurrection, of the forgiveness of sins, of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, of being brought into Christ's body which is the church, and of committing allegiance to Jesus.

To the Candidate(s):

Do you desire to be baptized?

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which rebel against God and corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

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

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and trusting him alone, follow him as your saving-Lord?

Then nothing prevents you from being baptized!

Prayer for the Candidate(s):

Leader: "Deliver them O Lord from the way of sin and death.

Congregation: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Congregation: Keep them in the faith and communion of your church

Leader: Send them into the world to witness to your love.

Congregation: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Following baptism:

To the Congregation:

Let those of us who are likewise trusting in Jesus Christ and **have been** baptized renew our baptismal covenant:

Q. Do you believe in God the Father?

A. I believe in God the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

A. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into Hades;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q. Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit,

A. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Q. Do you identify with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection for you and thus trust him as your saving-Lord?

A. I do, by God's grace

Q. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you sin, repent returning to the Lord?

A. I will, with God's help.

Q. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching, and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

A. I will, with God's help.

Q. Will you proclaim the Good News of Jesus by word and example?

A. I will, with God's help.

Q. Will you also serve Christ by loving your neighbor as yourself?

A. I will, with God's help.