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*We exist to honour God  
and make followers of Jesus  
in Kelburn and beyond*



# **Liturgy of Baptism**

\* Liturgy adapted from the *NZPB* p.383 f.f.

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*Everyone gathers around the baptism font or the place of baptism.*

## **GOD'S CALL**

E te whanau a te Karaiti

God is love, God gives us life.

We love because God first loves us.

In baptism God declares that redeeming love;  
in Christ God calls us to respond.

## **THE PRESENTATION**

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. [Their children were also baptised so they would grow in the same blessings as their parents.] On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers:

"... Repent and be baptised, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus the Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins,  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
For the promise is to you and to your children,  
and to all who are far away, everyone whom  
the Lord our God may call".

*Priest:* [Name]: how do you respond to this promise?

*Candidate & Sponsor(s):* **I hear God's call and ask for baptism.**

*Priest:* Do you renounce all evil and powers that rebel  
against God?

*Candidate & Sponsor(s):* **I renounce all evil.**

*Priest:* Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings  
forgiveness, freedom and life?

*Candidate & Sponsor(s):* **In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**Whose promise endures for ever.**

Almighty God, from the watery deep you created life.

We thank you for your faithfulness in all creation,

especially for your gift of water

to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

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We thank you for your covenant  
with your people Israel;  
through the Red Sea waters  
you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan  
your Son was baptised by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death  
Jesus fulfilled his baptism.  
He died to set us free  
and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.  
It is Christ who baptises  
with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Amen! Come Holy Spirit!**

We thank you, Lord, that in our baptism  
you cleanse us and renew us by your Spirit,  
as we die to sin you raise us to eternal life!

In this new relationship with you  
we are made members of one another,  
become part of your Church  
and share in your Kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit, then,  
fulfil once more your promise of rebirth;  
may this water be for us  
a sign and seal of [Name's] regeneration.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour,  
power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever.**

**Amen!**

*The priest baptises the candidate either by immersion in the water,  
or by pouring water on him / her , saying...*

[Name] ,

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

**Amen!**

**God receives you by baptism into the church.  
Child of God, blessed in the Spirit,  
welcome to the family of Christ.**

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*The priest makes the sign of the cross with Holy oil on the forehead of the baptised, saying...*

[Name], we sign you with the cross, **X**  
the sign of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*A bible and /or lighted candle is given to the baptised by a representative of the congregation who says....*

Rep: [Name], walk in faith with Christ, crucified, risen and coming soon! May the Word of God light your way.

### **THE AFFIRMATION**

Praise to God who has given us life!

**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

**Blessed be God who reconciles us.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

Let us, the baptised,  
affirm that we renounce evil  
and commit our lives to Christ.

**Blessed be God, JESUS IS LORD!**

What, then, is your faith?

**I believe and trust in God the Father,**

**God the Son,**

**and God the Holy Spirit;**

**maker and sustainer of all things,**

**my saviour and redeemer,**

**giver of life and truth.**

**This is my faith!**

*The priest then addresses the baptised and sponsors.*

How then will you support [Name] in his / her baptismal life?

**As the community of faith we rejoice at this baptism**

**and will do all we can to support [Name] as a disciple of Jesus.**

**We will share with him / her what we ourselves have received:**

**a delight in prayer,**

**a love for the word of God,**

**a desire to follow the way of Christ.**

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[Name], you are now a pilgrim with us.  
As a member of Christ's body, the Church,  
you are part of us and we are part of you;  
you will be challenged to affirm your own faith  
and receive the laying on of hands in confirmation.  
May you grow in the Holy Spirit,  
fulfil your ministry calling  
and follow Jesus your whole life long.

*To those assembled.*

God of love,  
**we thank you for our calling  
to be disciples of Christ.  
Help us to nurture [Name]  
in the faith we share.  
May she / he grow to love, worship and serve you,  
and bring your Gospel to the world. Amen!**

*The following or some other suitable worship song is sung.*

**LET THE WEAK SAY I AM STRONG**

Let the weak say I am strong  
let the poor say I am rich  
let the blind say I can see  
it's what the Lord has done in me [x2]

Hosanna, hosanna  
to the Lamb that was slain  
hosanna, hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade  
There my sins are washed away  
from the heaven's mercy stream  
of the Saviour's love for me

I will rise from waters deep  
into the saving arms of God  
I will sing salvation songs  
Jesus Christ has set me free

*All return to gather around the Lord's table.*

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