

THE ORDER FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF
BAPTISM TO ADULTS



¶ When Persons of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and prepared to come in repentance and faith to this holy Sacrament.

¶ And if they shall be found fit, then may they present themselves, with their Witnesses, at the Font, immediately after the second Lesson at any stated Service.

¶ Then, all standing until the LORD'S Prayer, the Minister shall say,

Hear the words of the Gospel written by St. Matthew, in the twenty-eighth Chapter, beginning at the sixteenth Verse:

THEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister make this EXHORTATION:

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the express command which our Saviour Christ gave to his disciples; saying, Go ye and teach all

nations, baptizing them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; whereby ye perceive the obligation of this Divine Ordinance, where it may be had. For which cause St. Peter, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? said unto them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. So, in reply to the inquiry of the Jailer, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Paul and Silas answered and said: Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And after they had spoken unto him the word of the LORD, and to all that were in his house, they baptized him, and all his, straight-way [Acts xvi. 30]. Furthermore, in the tenth Chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, St. Paul contrasts the righteousness which is of the law with the righteousness which is of faith, and makes the latter speak on this wise: If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation [Rom. x. 9, 10].

Beloved, ye learn from these Scriptures that faith and repentance (fruits of the Spirit) must be accompanied with confession of the mouth

in Baptism. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe that God does graciously receive all who truly repent and come unto him by faith; that he will grant them the remission of their sins, and strengthen them by his indwelling Spirit, and that he will carry on the good work which he has begun in them unto the day of Jesus Christ.

Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *this person*, truly repenting, and believing in his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say,

¶ Then shall the Minister and the People say,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, For that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee; Increase this knowledge, And confirm this faith in us evermore. Bless *this thy servant*, That being received into the number of thy visible Church, And filled with thy Spirit, And kept by thy perpetual mercy, *he* may continue steadfast in the confession of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say to the *Person* to be baptized,

WELL-BELOVED, who *art* come hither desiring to be baptized, *you* have heard how the congregation hath prayed, that our merciful Father would vouchsafe to bless you, and to fill you with his Holy Spirit. *You* have heard also that he hath promised in his holy Word to grant those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by our heavenly Father, in Christ Jesus, *you* must also faithfully, for your part, in the presence of these your witnesses, and this whole congregation, promise and answer to the following questions:

Question. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

Question. Dost thou believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God?

Answer. I do.

Question. Dost thou accept him as thy Saviour, and purpose to follow him as thy LORD?

Answer. I do.

Question. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Question. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Question. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this person* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. Amen.

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen*.

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen*.

Grant that *he*, and all who are dedicated to thee in Baptism, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed LORD God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen*.

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, our supplications, and grant that *this person* may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen*.

¶ Then shall the Minister take each Person to be baptized by the right hand, and shall ask the Witnesses the name; and then shall sprinkle or pour water upon *him* (or else immerse *him* in the water), saying,

N. I BAPTIZE thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

WE receive this person into the congregation of Christ's Flock;* and pray that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess

* Here the Minister may make the sign of the cross upon the Person's forehead, if it be desired, and add, "*and do sign him with the sign of the cross, and pray,*" &c.

the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

SEEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this person* is grafted into the body of Christ's Church visible; let us give thanks unto Almighty God, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *he* may lead the rest of *his* life according to God's holy Word.

¶ Then shall be said, all kneeling,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and may follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; And we beseech thee, for thine infinite goodness, that thou wouldest mercifully look upon *this thy servant*, and endue *him* with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may be *a living member* of thy Church; And being steadfast in faith, joyful

through hope, and rooted in love, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister, speaking to the Witnesses, shall say,

FORASMUCH as *this person has* promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember that it is your part and duty to put *him* in mind what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *he has* now made before this congregation, and especially before you *his* chosen witnesses. And ye are also to call upon *him* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so *he* may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ; and live godly, righteously, and soberly, in this present world.

¶ And then, speaking to the Baptized, he shall say,

AND as for you, who have now, by Baptism, openly confessed your faith in Christ, it is your part and duty also, as *a child* of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that, as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections,

and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

THE Almighty God, the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, *you* may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*

¶ If it be necessary to baptize Adults in private, this Service may be used, or any portion of it, as the Minister may think best, provided there shall be a Confession of Faith, and the use of the Formula.



DIRECTORY FOR THE COMBINED USE OF
THE ORDERS FOR THE BAPTISM
OF INFANTS AND OF ADULTS



1. Page 473: . . . “¶The Minister, standing at the Font,” &c., down to and including the words, “and blessed them.”
2. Page 478: . . . ALSO, “Hear the words of the Gospel,” &c., to the words, “the end of the world. Amen.”
3. ¶Then shall the Minister make the following Exhortations:
Page 474: “Beloved, ye hear,” &c.,
. “regarded little children.”
4. Pages 478–480: ALSO, “Beloved, ye hear,” &c.,
. “the day of Jesus Christ.”
5. ¶Then shall the Minister say,

WHEREFORE, being thus persuaded of the good will of our Saviour toward all infants; and not doubting that he favorably alloweth the dedication of *this child* unto him; And, being likewise persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *this person*, truly repenting, and believing in his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks, and call upon our blessed LORD in their behalf, and say,