

## Holy Baptism at the Eucharist on Easter Sunday

*After the sermon the minister introduces the Baptism and the Candidates, then all process to the Baptism Pool, singing the Litany of the Saints:*

Lord, have mercy:           **Lord, have mercy!**  
Christ, have mercy:       **Christ, have mercy!**  
Lord, have mercy:       **Lord, have mercy!**  
Holy Mary Mother of God:   **pray for us!**

*Other saints are called on, with the same response: ...pray for us!*

*When all have arrived at the pool, the water is blessed, and the Paschal Candle is dipped in the water.*

*The minister addresses the candidates:*

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
to follow Christ, to die to sin, and to rise to his new life.  
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.**

*The candidates are signed with the Cross, with the Oil of the catechumens:*

Receive the sign of the cross, the sign of Christ...  
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
**Walk faithfully as disciples 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 in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*The priest invites everyone to turn to Christ once again:*

People of God, will you continue to turn away from darkness  
and walk in the light of the Risen Christ?  
**We turn to Christ,  
we repent of our sins,  
we renounce evil.**

*All now affirm their baptismal profession, with the candidates :*

Let us now all profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The candidates enter the pool and are baptised, with the words:*

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

*While the candidates get dressed, prayers of intercession are said,  
with the response:*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer!**

*and*

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*When the candidates return, the minister anoints them with the oil of Chrism, saying*

Almighty God 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 his Saints in glory. **Amen.**

*Each is given a lighted candle, with the words:*

In Baptism God has brought you from darkness to light.

**You have received the light of Christ.**

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

*All are then sprinkled with the baptismal water, while all sing*

**Jubilate Deo, alleluia!** *(Be joyful in God, alleluia!)*

*The candidates are welcomed into the fellowship of the Church:*

In Baptism God has filled you with the new life of his Son.

**You have been buried with Christ, and been raised with him;**

**you have died with Christ, and are alive with him;**

**you walk with us now in newness of life. We welcome you!**

*After an appropriate expression of welcome, the Peace is given:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:

Peace be with you! Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*The service continues with the Offertory Hymn.*



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