

THE ORDER FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF
BAPTISM TO INFANTS

The Minister of every Parish ought often to admonish the People that they neglect not the duty of presenting their Children for the Sacrament of Baptism, which should be administered on Sundays and in the Church, but may, at the Minister's discretion, be administered on other days, and in other places.

When Baptism is administered at a stated Service, it should be immediately after the Second Lesson.

Infants to be baptized must be presented at the Font by their Parents when practicable, and one, at least, of the Persons presenting must be a Communicant of this or of some other Evangelical Church.

The Minister, standing at the Font, shall say as follows, the People also standing throughout,

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse:

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Then shall the Minister make this EXHORTATION:

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those who would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, by his outward gesture and deed, he declared his good will toward them, for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that he who now sitteth at the right hand of the Majesty on high, is the same tender Saviour who, in the days of his sojourning upon earth, so lovingly regarded little children.

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; let us faithfully and devoutly call upon him in *his* behalf, and say,

Then shall the Minister and the People say,

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this child*, now to be baptized: of thy bounteous mercy, we beseech thee to receive *him*, grant unto *him* the forgiveness of *his* sins, and so fill *him* with thy Holy Spirit that *he* may grow in grace and godliness; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may continue thine for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say,

DEARLY beloved, ye have brought *this child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from *his* sins, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life:

I ask therefore,

DO ye solemnly believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed; and do ye acknowledge the obligation, as far as in you lies, to provide that *this child* be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that *he* be diligently instructed in the Holy Scriptures, and that *he* be taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?

Answer. We do.

Then shall the Minister say,

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this child* 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 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 child* may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister shall take the Child into his hands, and say,

Name this Child.

And then, naming it accordingly, he shall sprinkle or pour water upon it (or else dip it in the water discreetly), saying,

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

Then the Minister shall say,

WE receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock;* and pray that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; but manfully to 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.

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

Then shall by the Parents, with the Minister,

WE yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast inclined us to dedicate *this child* to thee in baptism; and we humbly pray that thy grace may enable us to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say,

FORASMUCH as ye have promised to bring up *this child* in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, I exhort you to have always in remembrance what a solemn obligation ye have

here assumed. Ye are, therefore, to take care that *this child* be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; 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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

In the private ministration of Baptism, this Service may be used, or any portion of it, as the Minister may think best, provided that the prayer beginning with, "Almighty, everliving God," &c., to the end of the Formula, be used.

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 they may 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, straightway [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 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.

*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.

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,

6. To be said by the Minister and the People, all kneeling

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, heavenly Father, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succor, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; 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. We call upon thee for *this child and this person* now to be baptized: Of thy bounteous mercy, we beseech thee to receive them, and to grant them the forgiveness of their sins. Bless them, that being received into the membership of thy visible Church, they may be filled with thy Holy Spirit, and may grow in grace and godliness; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope and rooted in love, may continue thine for ever through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

7. Then shall the Minister say, the People all standing,

DEARLY beloved, ye have brought *this child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our LORD, would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from *his* sins, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life;

And *thou*, well-beloved, who *art* come hither desiring to be baptized: *thou hast* heard how the congregation hath prayed, that our merciful Father would vouchsafe to bless *thee*, and to fill *thee* with his Holy Spirit. *Thou hast* 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 Jesus Christ, thou must also faithfully, for thy part, in the presence of these thy witnesses, and this whole congregation, promise and answer to the following questions:

8. Page 481:..... *Question.* Dost thou renounce," &c.,
..... "I will, by God's help."

9..... The Minister, turning to the Parents, shall ask,

Page 475: " ...do ye acknowledge the obligation," &c.,..... "We do."

10..... Then shall the Minister say,

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

11. Pages 475, 476: "Grant that all sinful affections may die in" them, &c., ... "through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen."

12..... Then shall the Minister in turn take each Child into his hands, and each Adult to be baptized by the right hand, and shall ask the Parents or the Witnesses the name, saying,

Name this Child (or, Person).

13..... And then, naming the Child or Person accordingly, he shall sprinkle or pour water upon him (or else, shall dip or immerse him in the water discreetly), saying,

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

14. After all have been Baptized, the Minister shall say,

WE receive *this child* and *this Person* into the congregation of Christ's flock; and pray that hereafter they shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; but manfully fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their life's end. Amen.

15. Page 476: ... "Then shall be said by the Parents, with the Minister," &c., "through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Saviour. Amen."

16..... Then the Minister, turning to the Witnesses, shall say,
Pages 483, 484: "Seeing now," &c., ... "through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

17..... Then the Minister, turning to the Parents, shall say,

Page 477: "Forasmuch as ye," &c.,.....godliness of living."

18. Pages 484, 485: "Then, all standing up," &c., "with all the fulness of God.
Amen."