

Baptism Service – Hazlemere Church

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates may be presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they may be presented by their god parents or sponsors

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these *children / candidates* and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God we will

Minister:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The minister addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and sponsors

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. *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.

Profession of Faith

We are the family of God and it is into this family that _____ is baptised today. Let us therefore join together and declare together our belief and trust in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Signing of the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified:

All Fight valiantly as a disciple 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

All Amen.

The Baptism

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

All Amen

Minister:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

