

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymn Jesus Came, a Child like Me VU #583

THE STATEMENT

Minister:

Hear the command of the risen Christ:
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
(Mtt. 28:18-20)

In baptism, we celebrate God’s love, a love revealed in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, a love which has surrounded us from our beginning. In baptism, we proclaim that God has acted to save us. God washes us in cleansing waters and brings us into the church, the living body of Christ. When we baptize children, we dedicate them to God, knowing that even though we may fail, God will not; that God will continue, through the Holy Spirit, the work begun this day, a work in which life triumphs over death.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Central Queens Faith Community, I present the following children:

Tucker Louis Brooks, son of Travis and Marcie Dykerman
Jayde Mary Deanna, daughter of Matthew Doucette and Catlin Wright

Elleanor Rose, daughter of Matthew & Marisa Danyluk-Gason,

for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

QUESTIONS AND PROMISES

Minister: Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian community?

Parents’ Response: I do

Minister: Will you encourage your child to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God?

Parents’ Response: I do

Minister: Will you foster for your child an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for diverse religious traditions?

Parents’ Response: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Will you teach your child to honour the faith questions that belong to them throughout their life?

Parents’ Response: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Will you journey with your child to discover the wonder of God’s love made manifest here this day?

Parents’ Response: I will, God being my helper.

***Congregation, please rise**

Minister: Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to these children as they live and grow in this Christian community?

Congregational Response:

We promise our love, support, and care.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give our thanks to God.
It is good to give God thanks and praise.

(Water is poured into the font)

Gracious and Holy God, we thank you for the gift of life, and, within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise, your Spirit hovered at creation; by water comes the growth of the earth. Through water you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child, Jesus, was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

THE BAPTISM

Baptism:

Tucker Louis Brooks, I baptize you in the name of the Father (creator), and the Son (redeemer), and of the Holy Spirit (sustainer). **Amen**

Tucker Louis Brooks, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever. **Amen**

Tucker Louis Brooks, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to God who created you. **Amen**

Jayde Mary Deanna, I baptize you in the name of the Father (creator), and the Son (redeemer), and of the Holy Spirit (sustainer). **Amen**

Jayde Mary Deanna, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever. **Amen**

Jayde Mary Deanna, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to God who created you. **Amen**

Elleanor Rose, I baptize you in the name of the Father (creator), and the Son (redeemer), and of the Holy Spirit (sustainer). **Amen**

Elleanor Rose, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever. **Amen**

Elleanor Rose, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to God who created you. **Amen**

BLESSING

May the blessing of the One God, Mother and Father of us

all, be with you today and always. **Amen**

GIVING OF THE CANDLE

Receive this candle. It symbolizes that in baptism we have

passed from darkness into light. Shine as a light in this

world, to the gl

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE, BIBLE & PRAYER SHAWL

WELCOME

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

BAPTISMAL BENEDICTION May God Who Creates You VU #454

May God who creates you give you light.

May God who sustains you make you wise.

May God who protects you give you joy.

May God who surrounds you give you peace.