

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 child for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

TEDDY PETER AB
Son of Travis Dykerman and Marcie Dykerman

QUESTIONS AND PROMISES

Minister: Desiring freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and live in love and justice with all?

Parents’ Response: I do

Minister: Do you believe in God, Source of Love, in Jesus the Christ, Love Incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, Love’s Power?

Parents’ Response: I do

Minister: Will you join with your sisters and brothers in the mission and ministry of Christ’s church?

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

Minister: Will you share with Teddy the Christian life, and seek to grow with him in faith, hope, and love?

ParentResponse: I will, God being my helper.

***Congregation, please rise**

Minister: Let us pledge to Travis, Marcie and Teddy our support and care.

Congregational Response:

As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.

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**

BAPTISMAL HYMN I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161

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:

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

Teddy Peter Ab, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever. **Amen**

Teddy Peter Ab, 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 glory of God.

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.