

# *Rite of Holy Baptism*



Holy Baptism

*Richard Henry Price*

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St. Peter's Kierch

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Middletown, PA

## Introduction

- P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

## Presentation

- P Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized?

R I do.

- P As you come for Holy Baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

To live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Holy Supper, and nurture your faith by prayer and learning The Lord's Prayer, The Creed, and The Ten Commandments, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

- P As the family of Henry, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Henry and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C We do.**

### **Profession**

P I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C I renounce them.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P Do you believe in God?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

### Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Creator:

We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit  
moved over the waters and you created heaven and

earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**C Blessed be God now and forever.**

P By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**C Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Blessed be God now and forever.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen**



## **Baptism**

P Henry Price is baptized in the name of God,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

*Immediately after the candidate(s) have been baptized, the following refrain  
is sung:*

**Washed by the Water** *by NEEDTOBREATHE*

**Even when the rain falls  
Even when the flood starts rising  
Even when the storm comes  
I am washed by the water  
Even when the rain falls  
Even when the flood starts rising  
Even when the storm comes  
I am washed by the water**

## **Laying on of Hands**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying on of hands*

Sustain Henry with the gift of your Holy Spirit: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **Signing with the Cross**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized, with oil blessed by the bishop. As the sign of the cross is made, these words are said:*

**P** Henry, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** Amen

## **Presentation of White Rose**

*A white rose is given to the baptized or to a sponsor.*

**A** Receive this white rose as a symbol of the purity of Christ, who grants us forgiveness and new life in Holy Baptism.

## **Presentation of a Candle**

*A lighted candle is given to the baptized or to a sponsor.*

**A** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Parent in heaven.

## **Prayer**

**P** O God, giver of all life, look with kindness upon Henry and his family. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them and all of us here gathered teachers and examples of righteousness for him. Strengthen all of us in our own Baptism so that we may all share eternally with this child of God the salvation you have given him, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## Welcome

P With joy we welcome Henry into the Church, we assure him of our love, support, and prayers. May God guide us as we share our faith with him.

**C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Parent, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

P Almighty God, Maker, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen



*Parents: Joan Ellen Clemons Price & Stephen  
Robert Price*

*Sibling: Stephen Alexander Price*

*Sponsor: Bennett Williams*

