

1 The declaration

Sisters and brothers,

Baptism is a gift of God and declares to us the love and grace of God. In this sacrament we celebrate the life of Christ laid down for us, the gift of the holy spirit and the living water given for us. Although we do not fully understand the gifts of God's grace and do not deserve them, we accept them with joy.

2 The request for Baptism

Grace and Charlie, now that you have heard these things, how do you respond to the offer of God's grace?

(Answer) We thank God and ask that Malachi be baptised.

3 Thanksgiving over the water.

Gracious God, we thank you for your gift of water and the Holy Spirit, for your cleansing and lifegiving power. Pour out your Holy Spirit that the one to be baptised may die to sin, be raised with Christ and be born to new life in the family of your church. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

4 The Affirmation of Faith

Parents and Godparents

Do you turn away from evil and all that denies God?

Answer By the grace of God I do.

Do you turn to God, trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as Helper and Guide?

Answer By the grace of God, I do.

The congregation says

We believe in God the Father, who made the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his son who redeemed humankind.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God.

5 The Baptism

Grace and Charlie, what name have you given your child?

Malachi James for you Jesus Christ came into the world.

For you, He lived and shared God's love.

For you, He suffered death on the cross.

For you, He triumphed over death, rising to newness of life.

For you, He prays at God's right hand.

All this for you, Malachi, because He loves you before you could know anything of it.

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We pray that you will grow in wisdom and in strength, and that you will come to respond to this love of God, serving him faithfully to the end of your days.

Malachi James, I baptise you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

By baptism God has received you into the Church.

Malachi, I sign you with the Cross, the sign of Christ.

Presentation to Malachi – present, certificate and candle.

Malachi is presented to the congregation

All The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with kindness and give you peace. Amen

6 The baptismal Promises.

To the parents

Grace and Charlie, you have brought Malachi to be baptised and I ask you now, in the presence of us all, to respond to God's love and grace towards him by making these promises.

Will you love Malachi and commit yourselves to care for him in body, mind and spirit?

(Parents) **With God's help we will**

Will you ensure that he is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

(Parents) **With God's help we will.**

Will you set before him a Christian example that through your words, prayers and deeds he may learn to follow the way of Christ Jesus?

(Parents) **With God's help we will.**

To the Godparents and relatives

Will you support Grace and Charlie and help them to nurture Malachi in the Christian faith?

(Godparents & relatives) **With God's help we will.**

The Promise of the People.

Members of the body of Christ, we rejoice that Malachi, our brother has been baptised.

Family and friends, those who share the life of Jesus in this church,

will you continue to maintain the life and worship of this church so that Malachi and all children among you may receive Christian teaching and be made aware of the love of Jesus for them?

(All) With God's help we will.

(All)

Generous God, touch us again with the fire of your spirit and renew in us all the grace of our baptism that we may profess the true faith and live in love and unity with all who are baptised into Christ. Amen