

# **BAPTISM OF JAVAD**

## ***Presentation of the Candidate***

*The minister asks the candidate for baptism*

**Do you wish to be baptized?**

**I do.**

*Testimony by the candidates may follow.*

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 candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?**

**I reject them.**

**Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?**

**I renounce them.**

**Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?**

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

### ***Signing with the Cross***

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism, saying*

**Christ claims you for his own.**

**Receive the sign of his cross.**

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

**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.

**Amen.**

*When minister stands before the water of baptism and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

***Prayer over the Water***

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.  
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.  
By it we share in his resurrection.  
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we baptize into his fellowship  
those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.  
Renewed in your image,  
may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## ***Profession of Faith***

*The minister addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### ***Baptism***

*The minister may address the candidate for baptism by name, saying*

Javad, is this your faith?

**This is my faith.**

*The minister dips each candidate in water, saying*

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

**Amen.**

*The minister says*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

*The candidate is presented with a candle*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**