

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

What name do you give this child?

Weston Oliver, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit work with you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen. Amen.

Let us welcome our new brother in Christ.

Child of God by water and the Spirit, we welcome you into God's new creation. Share with us in Christ's royal priesthood. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of Christ's church.



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Introduction

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church, puts us on the stage of God's saving drama, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit.

So, come to the water --
water poured over and immersing us,
water flowing freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the waters, to baptize this child, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Holy Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith (vows of parents and sponsors)

And so I ask you, parents and sponsors, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Holy Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you nurture this child ***Weston Oliver*** in Christ's holy church? **By teaching and example we will guide him to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life.**

The pastor addressing the congregation:

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include ***Weston Oliver*** in your care?

With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that Weston will grow up to trust God and live Love's service in the world. We will pray for his journey of discipleship among us.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon these waters.

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Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you! All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

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