

# Welcome

St Church and St Faith's Chapel, Yeppoon  
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## A Service of Baptism for (Name)

*Minister:* When our Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, he commanded his disciples to preach the gospel to all nations and to baptise those who believe. They obeyed his command and we read of the apostle Peter preaching in these words:

“Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” **(Acts 2:38–39)**

We read here the promise of God to give forgiveness and his Holy Spirit to all who turn to Christ. This promise also embraces the children of God's people. The risen Christ is willing to give the blessing of eternal life to our children whom we bring to him in faith. Children must themselves express their faith in God when they are able to do so. They must turn away from sin and put their trust in Jesus Christ.

*The minister addresses the parents and godparents:*

You who already trust in Christ are asked to make the baptismal promises on behalf of (Name). You must also undertake to teach and encourage him in the same faith.

Are you yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, trusting the gracious promises of God?

**I am.**

Are you willing to sponsor (Name), answering for him now and accepting responsibility for his Christian upbringing in the life of the Church?

**I am willing.**

I ask you now to answer in the name of (Name):

Do you turn away from your sins, the Devil and all evil?

**I turn away from them all.**

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

*The minister invites the congregation to stand.*

*Minister:* Let us confess the faith into which we are baptised and into which (Name) is to be baptised and nurtured.

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
of 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

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

**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.**

*The people remain standing.*

*The minister says to the parents and godparents:*

I ask you now to answer in the name of (Name).

Do you profess this faith?

**I do.**

Will you follow Jesus faithfully, and obey his commands throughout your life?

**With his help, I intend to do so.**

*The minister pours water into the font.*

*Minister:* Let us pray. Lord, our merciful God, you have promised in Christ to be our God and the God and Father of our children. Fulfil your promise to us, and for Jesus Christ's sake receive (Name) as a member of your family. Grant that he may receive the fullness of your grace and the washing away of all sins, for without these blessings no one can enter your kingdom. May your Spirit live and work in him, that he may be yours forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The minister receives the child from the parents.*

Name this child ...

Little child,

for you Jesus Christ has come,

has lived, has suffered;

for you, he has died.

For you he has triumphed over death,

for you he prays at God's right hand,

all for you, little child,

even though you do not as yet know it.

In baptism, the word of the apostle is fulfilled:

"We love, because God has first loved us."

(Name), I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The people respond: **Amen.***

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child.*

**All: We receive you into the congregation of Christ's flock and sign you with the sign of the cross, to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified until your life's end. Amen.**

*Minister:* We praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for new spiritual life. May God fulfil his promise and complete his saving work in you. May he bring you into all the joys of his eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The minister presents the baptised member to the congregation and then returns the child to the parents.*

*A prayer for all people who are baptised into Christ:*

*Minister:* Gracious God, you have brought us from death to life; we dedicate ourselves to you. Produce in us the fruit of your Spirit. Equip us to serve your people and advance your gospel in the world.

Enable us to live holy and righteous lives and to please you in all that we do; in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

*A prayer for parents and godparents –*

Heavenly Father, we pray for the parents and godparents of (Name).

Give them the spirit of wisdom and love, that they may teach (Name) by word and example to know you.

Grant us in our homes the joy that comes from knowing you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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