

Holy Baptism, Rite II

The Celebrant bids the baptismal party to approach the center opening at the communion rail. The congregation remains seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Leslie Charles Jackson III to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant

Let us join with Charlie who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

A procession forms and leads the families and sponsors of the Candidates to the baptism font.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver *him* O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *his heart* to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *him* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it, the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

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 bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify † this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidates, saying

Charlie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and says

Charlie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

A procession forms and leads the parents and the newly baptized to the center of the communion rail. Other members of the baptismal party return to their pews. The Altar Party returns to the sanctuary.

WELCOMING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Leslie Charles Jackson III, son of Mary Bronaugh Jackson and Leslie Charles Jackson, Jr.