THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM.

To such as are of ripe years, 
Able to answer for themselves.

When any such person, as are of ripe years, are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Bishop, or whom he shall appoint for that purpose, a week before any such visit; and by such persons, or some other discreet person, that you can, may be taken, for their Examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion, so that they may be admitted to prepare themselves with Prayers, and fasting for receiving this Holy Sacrament.

And if they shall be found fit, then, the Bishop, or the godfather, and godmother, or any person being appointed, upon the Sunday, or holy day appointed, shall be ready to present the said font immediately after the second Lesson, either at morning, or evening prayers, or at Curate in his discretion shall think fit.

And standing there, ye Priest shall ask, whether any of ye persons have presented, or no. If they shall answer, No, then shall the Priest say thus.

Early beloved, for as much as all men are conceived in sin, and that, even of the flesh, is flesh; and they, that are in the flesh, cannot please God. But, we believe, we believe in the faith; and doing many actual transgressions; and we, therefore, Christ-said, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate, and born anew of water, and of the Holy Ghost. If youHex, you call upon God's Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that, if the son shall come to his father, he shall be forgiven. To these persons, that are by nature, they cannot have, that they may be baptized with water, and the Holy Ghost; received into Christ, the Holy Church, and made members of his.

Then shall ye Priest say, Let us pray.

And here all the Congregation shall know.

A mighty, eternal God, who, of his great mercy did save Noah and his family in the Ark, from perishing by waters; also didst safely lead thy children of Israel through the Red Sea, according to thy holy promise; and, by thy Baptism of 2456000, Son of God, in Jordan, didst sanctify the element of water to a mystical washing away of sin; we beseech thee for thine infinite mercies, that they may mercifully look upon these thy servants, wash them, sanctify them with the Holy Ghost; that they, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ's Church, being washed in faith, joyful through hope, restored in charity, may so pass thy word of the covenant, amenable to the law of the living; here to reign with thee for endless ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A mighty, eternal God, who, of thy great mercies didst send thy holy angels, to guide thy people, to thy holy promise; that they, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive Remission of their sins by Spiritual Baptism. Receive them. Lord, as thou hast promised by thy Word, and so, saying, And, if ye shall receive, 245600, thy word and command, and be washed, and shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us, O Lord, loving, faithful, and good, to the aforesaid, etc. Thanks. For, these persons may enjoy all the benefit and salvation of thy heavenly washing. We may come to the eternal kingdom, with thee, hast promised, O Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall ye Priest say, Ye people stand up; ye Priest shall say, Hymn of the Words of the Gospel, written by S. John in the third Chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Here was a man of dy Hereticks, named Nicodemus, a Ruler of them Jews. Then S. John 3, 3. Came to Jesus to Night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know, that thou art a Teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles except God be with him. Jesus answered, and said unto him, Very, very truly, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter into second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Very, very truly, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not, ye, for ye shall see heaven open, and the souls of the righteous, descending into the abode, where is rest; and then every soul of men, shall see the angels of the Lord, in the habit of God; and shall make answer, according to the goods and evil deeds which they have done.
After which he shall say this Exhortation following.

Blessed be the God, & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which hath made us acceptably partakers of theNT, whereby ye may perceive the great necessity of the Sacrament, whereof it may be holy. Likewise therefore before his ascension into Heaven (as we read in the last chapter of St. Mark's Gospel) he gave command to his Disciples, saying: Go ye into all ye world, & preach ye Gospel to every creature. He that believeth, & is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be damned. And also thereof unto the great benefit we reap thereby. For we come to the Apostles, when upon his first preaching of ye Gospel, many were pricked at ye heart, as said to him, this is not yet the Apostles, men, & brethren, what shall we do? He said unto ye: Repent; & be baptized every one of ye, for ye remission of sins. Ye shall receive the Holy Ghost. Ye shall promise unto you, & ye children, & to all. And even as many as believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, shall receive remission of their sins. Wherefore if we bring this persons to another place than this place of Baptism, shall we promise to them, & name them in any other name, or any other baptism of the Gentiles? For he that believeth not, shall be damned. Therefore shall we make our service according unto this ordinance of the Lord, and his Church. Amen.

A mighty, & everlasting God, Heavenly Father; we give thee thanks, for it is now as it ought to be. So to thy knowledge, & to the knowledge of thy people, we have now exalted the knowledge of thy people, & to the knowledge of thy Church, which is the whole Church, which shall be multiplied through the Word, through the preaching of the Gospel, through the preaching of the Word. Amen. Amen.

Then ye Labvath shall speak to ye persons to be baptized, in the following words:

Question.

Do ye believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, & Earth, & in Jesus Christ his only Begotten Son? If ye do believe, go and be baptized. If ye believe not, ye are damned. Amen.

Answer.

We believe, because, & in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, & in the Holy Ghost, & in the water of Baptism, & in the words of the Gospel. Amen.

Conclusion.

All that I say is fully believed. Amen.
AS ARE OF RIDER YEARS.

To whom then, obediently keep God Holy will,麽 commandments, to walk in the same all ye days of thy life.

Answer.

J will endeavour so to doe, God being my Helper.

Then shall your private say.

O merciful God; Grant ye old Adam in these present may be buried, that ye new man may be raised up in them. Amen.

Grant, ye all carnal Affections may die in them, and ye all things belonging to ye Spirit, may live, and grow in ye. Amen.

Grant, that they may have power, and strength, to have Victory, to Triumph against ye Devils, ye World, ye Flesh. Amen.

Grant, that they being adorned with heavenly virtues, be also induced with heavenly fruits, be eternally rewarded through the Mercy, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A mighty, ever-living God, who most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for ye forgiveness of sins, did shed out of his most precious Blood, and Body: in ye Conformity to his Disciples, ye they should go teach all Nations, and Baptize ye in Name of ye Father, ye Son, ye Holy Ghost; and ye Supplication of the Congregation, sanctifying the Blood of my Body, to ye My blood making away of Sin: A sign of ye Person, now to be baptized herein, may receive ye Power of the Holy Ghost, and ye remain in ye Number of the Faithful, and Children, through Jesus our Lord Amen.

Then shall ye Print take such Person to be baptized by ye right hand, and placing him conveniently before ye font, according to ye Discourse, shall call ye Godfather, and Godmother, ye Name; and then shall ye Bathe him in ye Water, or ye Water upon him, saying.

N. I baptize thee in ye Name of ye Father, ye Son, ye Holy Ghost Amen.

Then shall ye print say.

We receive this Person into ye Congregation of Christ his Church, and sign him with ye Sign of ye Cross, in token, ye therefore shall be an harkened to confess ye Faith of Christ: Contented, we continually fight under his Banner, against Sin, the World, the Devil, to continue Christ: faithful Soldiers unto his Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Then ye shall print shall say.

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, ye that are present are Regenerate, and inserted into ye Body of Christ: Christ. Let me give thanks unto Almighty God for his Benefits, &c. With one accord make our prayers unto him, that he may lead ye west of their life according to the beginning.

Then shall ye x Lord's Prayer be addressing, each singing ye Lord's Prayer, all know.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. &c.

We yield you humble thanks, O merciful Father, ye hast not cast away, to call us to ye Knowledge of thy Grace, as faith in thou hast known the Knowledge, to confirm this Faith in us temporally. Grant, ye Holy Ghost to these persons, ye being now born again, and made law of everlastening Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, they may continue ye around, in ye Inner ye Knowledge of ye same Holy Spirit everlastingly. Amen.

Then all standing up, ye shall x the Exhortation following: ye who sail ye Lord's Prayer, &c.

O Christ, in this presence, ye have promised in your presence, to remember ye Devils, &c. and to work in you, and believe in God, &c. to serve him: ye must remember, ye is ye part, ye duty, ye mind, ye solemn vow, ye promise, ye have made before ye Conformity, and ye present before ye chosen Ministrants, And ye are also to call upon them, to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God Holy Words, ye they may grow in Grace ye Knowledge of ye Lord Jesus Christ, who goes, righteously, &c.

And all standing up, ye shall the Exhortation following: ye who sail ye Lord's Prayer, &c.

And at ye whole, ye who have now with ye Baptism, be ye called: ye God father, ye God mother first.

O Christ, who in this presence, ye have promised in your presence, to remember ye Devils, &c. and to work in you, and believe in God, &c. to serve him: ye must remember, ye is ye part, ye duty, ye mind, &c.

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PUBLIC BAPTISM OF SUCH,
as are of Riper years.

The Experiments, that every person thus baptized, should be confirmed by ye Bishop, so soon after his Baptism, as conveniently may be, that (so he may admitted to ye Holy Communion.

If any person not baptized in their Infancy, shall be brought to be baptized, before they come to years of discretion, to answer for themselves: it may suffice, to use ye Office for public Baptism of Infants; or, in case of extreme Danger, ye Office for private Baptism, only changing ye Word 'Infant' to Child, or person, as occasion requires.