The ministration of Baptism of Infants, to be used in the Church.

It appeareth by ancient Writers, that the Sacrament of Baptism in the old times was not commonly ministered but at two times in the year: At Easter, and Whitsuntide. At which times it was solemnly ministered in the presence of all the Congregation. Which custom now being grown out of use, (although it cannot for many considerations be well restored again) it is thought good to follow the same, as near as conveniently may be. Wherefore the people are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays and other Holy-days when the most number of people may come together, as well for that the Congregation there present may testify the receiving of them that be newly baptized, into the number of Christ's Church, as also because in the Baptism of Infants, every man present may be put in remembrance of his own profession made to God in his Baptism. For which cause also it is expedient that Baptism be ministered in the English tongue. Nevertheless (if necessity do require) children may at all times be baptized solemnly upon any other day.

When there are children to be baptized upon the Sunday, or Holy-day, the Parents shall give notice over night, or in the morning before the beginning of morning prayer to the Curate. And then the Godfathers, Godmothers, and People, with the children must be ready at the font, either immediately after the last lesson at morning prayer, or else immediately after the last lesson at evening prayer, as the Curate by his discretion shall appoint. And then standing there, the Priest shall ask whether the children be baptized or no. If they answer No: Then shall the Priest say thus, proceed as followeth.

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Early beloved, forasmuch as all men be conceived and born in sin, and that our Saviour Christ hath, none can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of water and of the holy Ghost: I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to these children, that thing which by nature they cannot have, that they may be baptized with water and the holy Ghost, and received into Christ our Lord Church, and be made visibly members of the same.

Then shall the minister say,

Let us pray.

A mighty and everlasting God, which of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water, and also didst safely lead the children of Israel by people through the red sea, figuring thereby thy holy baptism: and by the baptism of thy wellbeloved Son Jesus Christ didst sanctify the flood Jordan, all other waters to the mystical washing away of sin: we beseech thee for these infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon these children, sanctify them, and wash them with the holy Ghost, that they being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ our Lord Church, and being sanctified in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may to passe the waves of this troublesome world, that finally they may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All mighty and immovable God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that see to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead: we call upon thee for these infants, that they coming to thy holy baptism, may receive remission
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...tion of these times by spiritual regeneration. Receive them (O Lord) as thou hast promised by thy wellbeloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have, seek, and ye shall finde, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask, let us that seek finde, open the gate unto us, that knock, that these infants may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

That shall the priest say, Hear the words of the gospel, written by St. Mark in the tenth chapter. "..." (Mark 10:13)

"...At a certain time they brought children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was displeased, and said unto them, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And when he had taken them up in his arms, he put his hands upon them and blessed them.

"...After the gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief exhortation upon the words of the gospel.\n
Friends, you hear in this gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him: how he blamed those that would have kept them from him: how he exhor..."
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by his Sonne Jesus Christ, and nothingdoubting but that
he labourly allowed this charitabl work of ours, in
bringin these children to his holy baptisme: let us faithfully
and devoutly give thanks unto him and say,

A Mighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father,
we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast
vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace
and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and
confirm this faith in us eternally: Give thy holy Spirit to
these infants, that they may be born again, and be made
heirs of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus
Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy
Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Then the Priest shall speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on
this wise.

O beloved fathers, ye have brought these children
here to be baptiz'd, ye have prayed that our Lord
Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive them, to
lay his hands upon them, to bless them, to release
them of their sins, to give them the kingdom of heaven,
and everlasting life. Ye have heard also that our Lord
Jesus Christ hath promised in his Gospel, to grant all these
things that ye have prayed for; which promise he for his part
will most surely keep and perform. Wherefore after this
promise made by Christ, these infants must also faithfully for;
their part promise by you that ye be the sureties that they will
safely take the devil and all his works, and constantly believe
Gods holy word, and obediently keep his commandments.

Then shall the priest demand of the Godfathers and Godmothers
these questions following.

Doest thou forsake the devil and all his works, the vain
pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of
the same, the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not fol-
low nor be led by them?

Answer.

I forsake them all.
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Minister.

Doest thou believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord; And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, that he descended into hell, and also rose again the third day, that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from thence shall come again at the end of the world to judge the quick and the dead; And doest thou believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and everlasting life after death?

Answer.

All this I gladly believe.

Minister.

Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

Answer.

That is my desire.

Then shall the priest say.

O Merciful God, grant that the old Adam in these children may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in them. Amen.

Grant that all carnal affections may be in them, and that all things belonging to the spirit, may live and grow in them. Amen.

Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endowed with heavenly blessings, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy. O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, without end. Amen.

Amen.

O Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, did die out of his most precious love both water and blood, and gave commandment to
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to his disciples that they should go teach all nations, and
baptize them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and of
the holy Ghost: Resolved, we believe thee the supplications
of thy congregation, and grant that all the servants which
shall be baptized in this water, may receive the fulness of thy
grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and
elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

q Then the priest shall take the child in his hands, and say the name:
and naming the child, shall dip it in the water, as is discreetly and
warily done saying,

N. I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, of the
Son, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

But if they certify

q And if the child be weak, it shall suffice to pour water upon it, say-
ing the forefaid words,

N. I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

q Then the priest shall make a cross upon the child's forehead,

receive this sign into the congregation of
Chrift, and so associate him with the sign of the
cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed
to confess the Faith of Chrift crucified, and
manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world,
and the devil, and to continue Chrift's faithful and
servant unto his last end. Amen.

q Then shall the priest say,

Thus Going now, dearly beloved brethren, that this child
shall be regenerate and grafted into the body of
Chrift's congregation, let us give thanks unto God
for his benefits, and with one accord make our
prayers unto Almighty God, that he may lead the rest of
these his according to this beginning.

Then shall be said (all kneeling)

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

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Then shall the priest say,

Vere thee hearty thanks, most mercifull Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this infant with thy holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own childe by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy congregation. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that he being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucifie the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin, that as he is made partaker of the death of thy Son, so he may be partaker of his resurrection, so that finally with the residue of thy holy congregation, he may be inheritor of thy everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

And all standing up, the priest calling the Godfathers and Godmothers shall say:

This child hath hitherto been brought up to love and reverence God, and he hath renounced his sins, and is come hither to be baptized, who wiseth thee to know查验。
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Then shall he say, 


The Minister shall command that the children be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed of him, so soon as they can say in their vulgar tongue, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's prayer, and the ten Commandments, and be further instructed in the Catechism for that purpose, accordingly as it is there expressed.

Of them that are to be baptized in private houses in time of necessity, by the Minister of the Parish, or any other lawful.

He Pastor and Curates shall often admonish the people, that they defer not the Baptism of their children, longer than the first, or second Sunday next after their birth.

A minister of y' parish (or in his absence, any other lawful Minister) y' can be procured) with y' be present, call upon God by y' Lord's prayer, to so many of y' Catechism, as pointed to be said before y' form of public Baptism, as y' time, & present Exigency of the case.

And also they shall warn them, that without great cause, and necessity, they procure not their children to be baptized at home in their houses. And if y' great need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered in such fashion.

First, let there be a lawful Minister, and them that be present, call upon God in y' name, and say the Lord's prayer: if the child be not ready.

And then the child being named by some one that is present, and the lawful Minister shall dip into y' font, or pour water upon it, saying these words,

I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

And let them not doubt, but that the child so baptized, is lawfully and sufficiently baptized, and ought not to be baptized again. But if nevertheless, if the child which is after this form baptized, do afterward live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church, to the intent that if the Father minster of the same Parish did himself baptize that child, the Congregation may be certified of the true form of Baptism by him privately before others. If the child were baptized by any other lawful Minister, that then the minster of the Parish, where the child was born or christened, shall examine and try, whether the child be lawfully baptized or no. In which case, if those that be bringing the child, do answer that the name of the child is already baptized, then shall the Minister examine them further, saying,

Then all kneeling down, y' minister shall give thanks unto God, & say.

We yield thee hearty thanks, most Merciful Father, y' it hath pleased thee to regenerate this infant with Holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own Child by Adoption, to incorporate him into thy holy Church, and to humbly beseech thee to grant, that, as he is now made partner of thy death of thy Son, so may he be also of thy resurrection: y' finally, y' resident of thy Saints, that in the inheritance of everlastimg Kingdom, through thy same Son Jesus Christ of Lord, Amen.
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By whom was the childe baptized:
who was present when the childe was baptized:
And because some things essential to this sacrament, may happen to be omitted through fear or haste in such times of extremity: therefore I demand further of you;
with what matter was the childe baptized:
with what words was the childe baptized:
whether think you the childe to be lawfully and perfectly baptized:

And if the minister shall finde by the answers of such as bring the childe, that all things were done as they ought to be: then shall not he chriften the childe again, but shall receive him as one of the flock of the true Christian people, saying thus:

Certifie you, that in this case all is well done, and according unto due order concerning the baptizing of this childe; which being born in original sinne, and in the wrath of God, is now by the labour of regeneration in Baptisme, received into the number of the children of God, and heirs of everlasting life: for our Lord Jesus Christ doth not deny his grace & mercy unto such infants, but most lovingly doth call them unto him, as the holy gospel both witnesse to our comfort on this wise.

In certain time they brought children unto Christ: that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And when he had takken them up in his arms, he put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

After the gospel is read, the minister shall make this exhortation upon the words of the gospel:

And lastly, doth hear in this gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him: how he blamed those that would have kept them from him: how he exhorted all
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all men to follow their innocence. Be present both by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward
them: For he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands
upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but car
nestly believe, that he hath like wise favourably received this
present infant, that he hath embraced him with the arms
of his mercy that he hath given unto him the blessings of et
ernal life, and made him partaker of his everlasting king
dome. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good
will of our heavenly Father, declared by his Son Jesus
Christ toward this infant, let us faithfully and devoutly
give thanks unto him, and say the prayer where in the Lord
himself taught, and in declaration of our faith let us recite
the articles contained in one Creed.

Here be the minister, with the Godfathers and Godmothers, shall say—

Our Father, which art in Heaven, glory be to thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Then shall the priest demand the name of the child, which being by
the Godfathers and Godmothers pronounced, the minister shall say—

Doest thou in the name of this child, beseech the devil and
all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with
all the abominations thereof; the carnal desires of the
flesh, and not to follow and be led by them?

Answer.

I beseech thee all.

Minister.

Doest thou in the name of this child profess this faith, to
believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
ever; and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Sonne our
Lord; and that he was conceived by the holy GHOST, born
of the VIRGIN Mary, that he suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried, that he went down into hell,
and on the third day, that he ascended into heaven, and sit
teth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from
thence he shall come again at the end of the world;
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world to judge the quick and the dead: And do you in the name of the one, in the name of the holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Conjunction of Saints, the Remission of Sins, Resurrection, and everlasting life after death?

Answer. All this I steadfastly believe.

O Lord God everlasting, and having God, be my united Father, give thee unspeakable thanks for this token, that thou hast brought us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore.

Therefore, we must give thanks to God, for he hath chosen us out of the world to be a called, elected, and sanctified people, to serve him and to glorify his name.

Jesus Christ, by his grace, doth make us willing and obedient, and doth give us grace to think of him. Therefore, we must give thanks to God, for he hath chosen us out of the world to be a called, elected, and sanctified people, to serve him and to glorify his name.

Therefore, let all the ministry make this exhortation to the Godfathers and Godmothers.

O as much as this child hath promised by you to take the beauli, and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him: you must remember that it is your part and duty; to see that this infant be brought, to serve as he shall be able to learn what a holy and good, profession he hath made by you. And that he may know these things the better, ye shall call upon him to hear Sermons, and chiefly you shall provide that he may learn the Creed, the Lord's prayer, and the ten Command-
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Commandements, in the English tongue, and all other things which a Christian man ought to know and believe to his soules health, and that this childe may be vertuously bought by, to lead a godly and a Christian life, remembering allway that Baptisme both represent unto us our profession, which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and be made like unto him, that as he died and rose again for vs, so should we which are baptized, die from sinne, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all vertue and godliness of living.

And so forth, as in publique Baptisme.

But if they which bring the Infants to the Church, do make such uncertaine answers to the Priests questions, as that it cannot appeare, that the childe was baptized with water, In the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost: which are essential parts of Baptisme; then let the Priest baptize it in these words: Concerning publique Baptisme: Telling that at the dipping of the childe in the Font, he shall use this forme of words,

If thou bee not already baptized, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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to such, as are not able to answer for themselves.

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