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made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained; to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upon the Sundays and other Holy Days (if there be no Sermon or Communion) shall be said all that is appointed at the Communion, unto the end of the Gospel, concluding with the Blessing. And if any of the consecrated Bread and Wine remain after the Communion, it shall not be carried out of the Church; but the Minister and other Communicants shall, immediately after the Blessing, reverently eat and drink the same.

The MINISTRATION OF PUBLIC BAPTISM OF INFANTS,
To be used in the Church.

The people are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should be administered but upon Sundays and other Holy-Days, or Prayer Days. Nevertheless (if necessity so require) Baptism may be administered upon any other day.

There shall be for every Male child to be baptized when they can be had, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers, and Parents shall be admitted as Sponsors, if it be desired.

When there are Children to be baptized, the Parents or Sponsors shall give knowledge thereof, before the beginning of Morning Prayer, to the Minister. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the 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 Minister by his discretion shall appoint. And the Minister coming to the Font (which is then to be filled with pure Water) and standing there, shall say,

Hath this Child been already baptized, or no?

If they answer, No; then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.

Early beloved, forasmuch as through our Lord Jesus Christ, that all men are conceived and of his bounteous mercy, he will born in sin, and our Saviour Christ grant to this Child that which by faith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech Christ's holy Church, and he made you to call upon God the Father, a living member of the same.

Then
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¶ Then shall the Minister say,
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who 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 thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, didst sanctify water, to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon this Child; wash him, and sanctify him with the Holy Ghost; that he, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ’s Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally he may come to the land of everlasting life; there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say as follows: or else shall pass on to the questions addressed to the Sponsors; and from thence to the Prayer immediately before the Immersion, or the pouring of water on the Infant. But note; that in every Church the intermediate parts of the Service shall be used, once at least in every month, (if there be a Baptism) for the better instructing of the People in the Grounds of Infant Baptism.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse.

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the 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 he took them up in his arms, 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.

Belooved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those who would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocence.
nocency. Ye perceive how, 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 earnestly believe, that he will likewise favourably receive this present Infant; that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto him the blessing of eternal life and make him partaker of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards this Infant, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; and nothing doubting but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours in bringing this Infant to his holy Baptism; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

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Lmighty 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 evermore. Give thy holy Spirit to this Infant; that he may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now for ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers in this wise.

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Early beloved, ye have brought this Child here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive him, to release him from sin, to sanctify him with the Holy Ghost, to give him the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. Ye have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his Gospel to grant all those 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, this Infant must also faithfully, for his part, promise by you that are his Sureties (until he come of age to take it upon himself) that he will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his commandments.

¶ The Minister shall then demand of the Sponsors as follows; the Questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the Answers to be made accordingly:

I demand therefore,

Oft thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Anfw. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minist. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles Creed?

Anfw. I do.

Minist. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Anfw. That is my Desire.

Minist. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Anfw. I will, by God's help.

¶ Then

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¶ Then shall the Minister say, Merciful God, grant that the old Adam in this Child may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in him. Amen.

Grant that all sinful affections may die in him, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him. Amen.

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

Grant that whatsoever is here dedicated to thee by our Office and Ministry, may also be ended with heavenly virtues, and everlasting rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, whose dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all Nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy Congregation; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that this Child, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall take the Child into his Hands, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers, Name this Child.

And then naming it after them, he shall dip it in the Water discreetly, or shall pour Water upon it, saying, I baptise thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ But if they certify that the Child is weak, it shall suffice to pour Water upon it, saying the afore-said words.

¶ Then the Minister shall say, We receive this Child into the Congregation of Christ's flock, and do* sign him with the sign of the Cross; in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Amen.

¶ If those who present the Infant shall desire the sign of the Cross to be omitted, although the Church knows no worthy Cause of Scruple concerning the same, yet, in that Case the Minister may omit that Part of the above which follows the Immerion, or the pouring of Water on the Infant.

¶ Then shall the Minister say, Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren that this Child is regenerate and grafted into the body of Christ's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that this Child may lead the rest of his life according to this beginning.
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Then shall be said all kneeling,

O UR Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name; Thy
kingdom come; Thy Will be done
on Earth, As it is in Heaven; Give
us this day our daily bread; And
forgive us our trespasses, As we
forgive those who trespass against
us; And lead us not into tempta-
tion; But deliver us from evil: For
thine is the Kingdom, and the
Power, and the Glory, For ever
and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say,

W E yield thee hearty thanks,
most merciful Father, that
it hath pleased thee to regenerate
this Infant with thy Holy Spirit,
to receive him for thine own Child
by adoption, and to incorporate
him into thy holy Church. And
humbly we beseech thee to grant,
that he, being dead unto sin, and
living unto righteousness, and be-
ing buried with Christ in his death,
may crucify the old man, and ut-
terly abolish the whole body of
sin; and that, as he is made Part-
taker of the Death of thy Son, he
may also be Partaker of his Re-
surrection; so that finally, with
the residuum of thy holy Church, he
may be an Inheritor of thine ever-
lasting Kingdom; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Then shall all standing up, the Minister
shall say to the Godfathers and
Godmothers this Exhortation fol-
lowing.

Forasmuch as this Child hath
promised by you his Sureties
to renounce the devil and all his
works, to believe in God, and to
serve him; ye must remember, that
it is your parts and duties to see
that this Infant be taught, so soon
as he shall be able to learn, what a
solemn vow, promise, and profes-
sion be hath here made by you.
And that he may know these things
the better, ye shall call upon him
to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye
shall provide, that he may learn the
Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the
Ten Commandments, and all oth-
er things which a Christian ought
to know and believe to his soul’s
health; and that this Child may
be virtuously brought up to lead a
godly and a christian life; remem-
bering always, that Baptism doth
represent unto us our profession;
which is, to follow the example of
our Saviour Christ, and to be made
like unto him; that as he died,
and rose again for us; so should
we, who are baptized, die from
sin, and rise again unto righteous-
ness; continually mortifying all
our evil and corrupt affections,
and daily proceeding in all virtue
and godliness of living.

Then shall be add, and say,

Y E are to take care that this
Child be brought to the Bi-
shop to be confirmed by him, so
soon as he can say the Creed, the
Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Com-
mandments, and is sufficiently in-
structed in the other parts of the
Church Catechism, set forth for
that purpose.
¶ The Minister of every Parish 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, or other Holy-day falling between, unless upon great and reasonable cause.

¶ And also they shall warn them, that without like great cause and necessity, they procure not their Children to be baptised at home in their Houses. But when need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered as followeth.

¶ First, let the Minister of the Parish (or in his absence any other lawful Minister that can be procured) with those who are present, call upon God, and say the Lord’s Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Public Baptism, as the time and present exigence will suffer. And then, the Child being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall pour water upon it, saying these words:

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I baptise thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall give thanks unto God, and say,

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We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this Infant with thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own Child by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that be, being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as he is made Partaker of the death of thy Son, he may also be Partaker of his Resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church be may be an Inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ And let them not doubt but that the Child so baptised is lawfully and sufficiently baptised, and ought not to be baptised again. Yet nevertheless, if the Child, which is after this sort baptised, do afterwards live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church; to the intent, that if the Minister of the same parish did himself baptise that Child, the Congregation may be certified of the true form of baptism, by him privately before used: In which case he shall say thus:

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Certify you that according to the due and prescribed Order of the Church at such a time and at such a place, before divers witnesses, I baptised this Child.

¶ But
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But if the Child were baptised by any other lawful Minister, then the Minister of the Parish where the Child was born or christened, shall examine whether the same hath been lawfully done. And if the Minister shall find, by the answers of such as bring the Child, that all things were done as they ought to be; then shall he not christen the Child again, but shall receive him as one of the flock of true Christian People saying thus:

I certify you, that in this case all is well done, and according unto due order, concerning the baptizing of this Child; who is now by Baptism incorporated into the Christian Church: For our Lord Jesus Christ doth not deny his grace and mercy unto such Infants; but most lovingly doth call them unto him, as the holy Gospel doth witness to our comfort on this wise.

Then the Minister shall say as follows, or else shall pass on to the questions addressed to the Sponsors; and from thence to the Prayer immediately before the Immersion, or the pouring of water on the Infant. But note; that, in every Church, the intermediate parts of the service shall be used, once a month (if there be a Baptism) for the better instruction of the People in the Grounds of Infant Baptism.

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse.

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the 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 he took them up in his arms, 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.

Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those who would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, 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 earnestly believe, that he hath likewise favourably received this present Infant; that he hath embraced him with the arms of his mercy; and, as he hath promised in his holy word, will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him Partaker of his everlasting Kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father, declared by his Son Jesus Christ, towards this Infant, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say the Prayer which the Lord himself taught us;

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven;
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Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then shall the Minister demand the Name of the Child; which being by the Godfathers and Godmothers pronounced, the Minister shall say as follows.

Doft thou, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God’s help, will endeavour not to follow nor be led by them.

Minister. Doft thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptised in this Faith?

Answer. That is my Desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God’s help.

Then the Minister shall say,

We receive this Child into the congregation of Christ’s flock, and do* sign him with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ’s faithful soldier and servant unto his life’s end. Amen.

¶ The same Rule is to be observed here, as to the omission of the Sign of the Cross, as in the Public Baptism of Infants.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that this Child is regenerate, and grafted into the Body of Christ’s Church; let is give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him that this Child may lead the rest of his life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said, all kneeling,

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate this Infant with thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for thine own Child by adoption, and to incorporate him into thy holy Church. 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 crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as he is made Partaker of the Death of thy Son, he may also be Partaker of his Resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, he may be an Inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then all standing up, the Minister shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following:

Forasmuch
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Orasmuch as this Child hath promised by you his Sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that this Infant be taught, so soon as he shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, he hath here made by you. And that he may know these things the better, ye shall call upon him to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye shall provide, that he may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that this Child may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and Christian life; remembering always, that Baptism doth represent unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptised, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Then shall be add, and say, Ye are to take care that this Child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and is sufficiently instructed in the other parts of the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose.

But if they who bring the Infant to the Church do make such uncertain answers to the Minister's Questions, as that it cannot appear that the Child was baptised with Water, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, (which are essential parts of Baptism,) then let the Minister baptise it in the Form before appointed for Public Baptism of Infants; saving, that at the dipping of the Child in the Font, he shall use this Form of Words:

If thou art not already baptised, N. I baptise thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

If Infant Baptism, and the receiving of Infants baptised in private, are to be at the same time, the Minister may make the Questions to the Sponsors, and the succeeding Prayer serve for both. And again, after the Immersion, or the pouring of Water, and the receiving into the Church, the Minister may use the Remainder of the Service for both.
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BAPTISM to such as are of RIPER YEARS,
And able to answer for themselves.

¶ When any such Persons as are of Ripier Years are to be baptised, timely notice shall be given to the Minister, that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with prayers and fasting, for the receiving of this Holy Sacrament.

¶ And if they shall be found fit, then the Godfathers and Godmothers (the People being assembled upon the Sunday, Holy Day, or Prayer Day appointed) shall be ready to present them at the Font, immediately after the Second Lesson, either at Morning or Evening Prayer, as the Minister, in his discretion, shall think fit.

¶ And standing there, the Minister shall ask, Whether any of the Persons here presented be baptised, or no? If they shall answer, No; then shall the Minister say thus:

D Early beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh, is flesh) so they who are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions; and our Saviour Christ faith, 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 goodness he will grant to these Persons that which by nature they cannot have; that they may be baptised with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made lively members of the same.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, who 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, thy people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, didst sanctify the element of Water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon these thy Servants; wash them and sanctify them with the Holy Ghost; that they, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass 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.

¶ Or this.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour,
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succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for these Persons, that they, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of their sins, by spiritual regeneration. Receive them, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that these Persons 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.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,
Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint John, in the third Chapter, beginning at the first Verse.

Here was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, 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 that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof: but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

¶ After which he shall say the exhortation following.

BEloved, ye hear in this Gospel the express words of our Saviour Christ, that except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Whereby ye may perceive the great necessity of this Sacrament, where it may be had. Likewise, immediately before his ascension into heaven, (as we read in the last Chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel,) he gave command to his disciples, saying, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned: Which also sheweth unto us the great benefit we reap thereby. For which cause Saint Peter the Apostle, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? replied and said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost: For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. For (as the same Apostle testifieth in
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in another place) even Baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will favourably receive these present Persons, truly repenting, and coming unto him by faith; that he will grant them remission of their sins, and bestow upon them the Holy Ghost; that he will give them the blessing of eternal life, and make them Partakers of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward these Persons, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say,

A lmighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, for 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 evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to these Persons, 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 Minister shall speak to the Persons to be baptized in this wise:

W ell-beloved, who are come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism, ye have heard how the congregation hath prayed, that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, to release of your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life. Ye have heard also, that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his holy Word, to grant all those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, ye must also faithfully, for your part, in the presence of these your Witnesses, and this whole Congregation, promise and answer to the following questions.

¶ The Minister shall then demand of the Sponsors to be baptized as follows; the Questions being considered as addressed to them severally, and the Answers to be made accordingly.

Question.

D OST thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answ. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Quest. Doest thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles Creed?

Answ. I do.

Quest. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answ. That is my Desire.

Quest. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answ. I will by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

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

Grant that all sinful affections may die 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 they, being here dedicated to thee by our Office and Ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

A Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy Congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that the Persons, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister take each Person to be baptized by the Right Hand; and placing him conveniently by the Font according to his Discretion, shall ask the Godfathers and Godmothers the Name; and then shall dip him in the Wa-

ter, or pour Water upon him, saying, N. I baptize thee in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister say, W. We receive this Person into the Congregation of Christ's Flock; and do * Here the Minister shall make the sign of the Cross upon the token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Amen.

¶ The same Rule, as to the Omission of the Sign of the Cross, is to be observed here as in the Baptism of Infants.

¶ Then shall the Minister say, S. Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that these Persons are regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that they may lead the rest of their life according to this beginning.

¶ Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling.

O. Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on earth, As it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

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We yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, 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 evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to these Persons; that, being now born again, and made Heirs of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, they may continue thy Servants, and attain thy promises, through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. Amen.

Then, all standing up, the Minister shall use this Exhortation following; speaking to the Godfathers and Godmothers first:

Forasmuch as these Persons have promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember, that it is your part and duty to put them in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, they have now made before this Congregation, and especially before you their chosen Witnesses. And ye are also to call upon them to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly, in this present world.

And then, speaking to the baptised Persons, he shall proceed, and say,

And as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the Children of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably in your Christian calling, and as become the children of light; remembering always, that Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptised, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

It is expedient that every person thus baptised, should be confirmed by the Bishop, as soon after the Baptism as conveniently may be; that so he may be admitted in the Holy Communion.

Whereas necessity may require the baptising of Adults in private houses in consideration of extreme sickness; the same is hereby allowed in that case. And a convenient number of persons shall be assembled in the house where this Sacrament is to be performed. And in the exhortation, “Well beloved,” &c., instead of these words, “come hither desiring,” shall be inserted this word, “desirous.”

If there is occasion for the Office of Infant Baptism and that of Adults at the same time, the Minister shall use the exhortation and one of the prayers next following in the office for Adults; only, in the exhortation and prayer, after the words, “these Persons” and “these thy Servants,” adding “and these Infants.” Then the Minister shall proceed to the questions to be demanded in the cases respectively. After the Imersion,
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merion, or the pouring of water, the prayer shall be as in this service, only, after the words, “these Persons,” shall be added, “and these Infants.” After which the remaining part of each service shall be used; first that for Adults, and lastly that for Infants.

If any persons 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 the Office for Public Baptism of Infants; or, in case of extreme danger, the Office for Private Baptism only changing the word “Infant,” for “Child or Person,” as occasion requireth.

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That is to say,

AN INSTRUCTION, to be learned by every Person before he be brought to be confirmed by the Bishop.

Question.

What is your Name?

Answer. N. or M.

Quest. Who gave you this Name?

Answer. My Sponsors in baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven.

Quest. What did your Sponsors then for you?

Answer. They did promise and vow three things in my name: First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomp and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith; And thirdly, that I should keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

Quest. Doest thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?

Answer. Yes, verily; and by God’s help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life’s end.

Catechist. Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

Answer.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; [He descended into hell;]

The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of