

Promise — Godparent(s): GODPARENT(S) NAME(S)

“Do you promise to love CHILD’S NAME
as a child of your own
and support HIS / HER parents,
MOTHER’S NAME & FATHER’S NAME
by helping to oversee CHILD’S NAME’S upbringing.”

“I do”

Promise — Congregation

“Will you be faithful in your calling
as members of Christ’s Church, so that CHILD’S NAME
and all young people in this congregation
may grow up in the knowledge and love of Christ?”

“We will”

- *The minister takes the child*

CHILD’S NAME, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in representation of Him, I now lay my hand upon you and commend you to the gracious care and protection of God through all your days, and may His richest blessing rest and abide with you always.”

- *The minister will carry your child around the church as the following blessing is sung*

FCH 796 The Lord bless you and keep you

the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Prayer

- *You will be invited to return to your seats - the rest of the service follows*

Sacrament of Baptism – what happens on the day:

- *You should try to sit as a family near the front – seats will be reserved for you. If you need to get up to feed or change your child please feel free to do so. The baptism of your child will follow the preaching of the sermon, and will include a series of promises made by you as parents, by the godparent(s) (if any), and by the congregation. You will be invited to gather round the font with your child and any godparents.*

Promises — Parents:

1. Do you present CHILD’S NAME to be baptised, earnestly desiring that SHE/HE may be grafted into Christ as a member of His Body, the church?

We do

2. Do you believe in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

We do

3. Do you promise, depending on the grace of God, to teach CHILD’S NAME the truths and duties of the Christian Faith and by your prayers and your own example will you bring CHILD’S NAME up in the life and worship of the Church?

We do

Prayer

The baptism *(the minister will hold your child and baptise your child using a little water on your child’s head)*

The blessing *(the following blessing is sung and the minister will carry your child around the church so that the congregation can see who is being welcomed into the church family)*

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Promise — Godparent(s)

Do you promise to love **CHILD'S NAME** as a child of your own
and support **HIS/HER** parents, by helping to oversee **CHILD'S
NAME's** upbringing in the Christian faith and church?

I do

Promise — Congregation

Will you be faithful in your calling as members of Christ's
Church, so that **CHILD'S NAME** and all young people in this
congregation may grow up in the knowledge and love of Christ?

We will

Prayer

- *You will be invited to return to your seats*
- *The rest of the service follows*

Service of Blessing for a child – what happens on the day

- *You should try to sit as a family near the front – seats will be reserved for you. If you need to get up to feed or change your child please feel free to do so. The blessing of your child will follow the preaching of the sermon, and will include a promise made by you as parents, by the godparent(s) (if any), and by the congregation. You will be invited to stand at the front with your child and any godparents.*

“**MOTHER'S NAME** and **FATHER'S NAME** have had their lives
enriched and blessed by the gift of their child: **CHILD'S NAME**.”

Today they have come here to thank God for **HIS / HER**
presence and the difference **HE / SHE** has made to their lives.

Also, they have invited us as a congregation to share in their joy
and on their behalf to ask God's blessing upon **CHILD'S NAME**,
and upon them, that they may worthily face the challenges and
privileges of parenthood in the years ahead.

This we gladly do, in the name of Jesus Christ whose express
wish was that children should be brought to him, and not be
kept back, that He might lay His hands upon them and bless
them.”

- *The congregation are invited to stand.*

Promise — Parents: **MOTHER'S NAME** and **FATHER'S NAME**

“In recognising the goodness of God in granting you the
gift of the children you have brought before Him, do you
earnestly desire that **CHILD'S NAME** be given Christ's
blessing in the manner He has appointed, and do you
promise that you will be worthy and loving parents as long
as you shall live?”

“I do”