

THE BAPTISM OF JORDAN CAROL

Reception of the Child

Celebrant: Parents, what name do you give your son?

Parents: *Jordan Carol*

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for *Jordan Carol*?

Parents: Baptism.

Celebrant: You have asked to have your son baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of teaching her faith. It will be your duty to bring her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.

Do you understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.



Celebrant:
Godparents, are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents:
We are.

Celebrant: *Jordan Carol*, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for

Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and I ask your parents, godparents, family, and friends to do the same.

Celebration of the Sacrament

Celebrant: God uses the sacrament of water to give his divine life to those who believe in him. Let us turn to him, and ask him to pour his gift of life from this font on this child he has chosen.

1. Blessing over Baptismal Water



Celebrant: Father, you have given us sacraments to give us grace and show us your wonderful power. In Baptism, we use your gift of water.

At the creation of the earth, you Holy Spirit breathed on the waters. Jesus, your Son, willed that water and blood would flow from His side as He hung upon the cross. When Christ rose from the dead, he told His disciples: “Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

God, the Father, look upon your Church, and unlock the grace of baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son.

You created us in your own likeness: cleanse us from sin in a new birth by water and the Spirit. (Baptism takes away the sin)

(The celebrant touches the water with his right hand.)

We ask you, Father, with your son, to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism, rise also with him into newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

2. Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Celebrant: Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present your son for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit son is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptized.

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

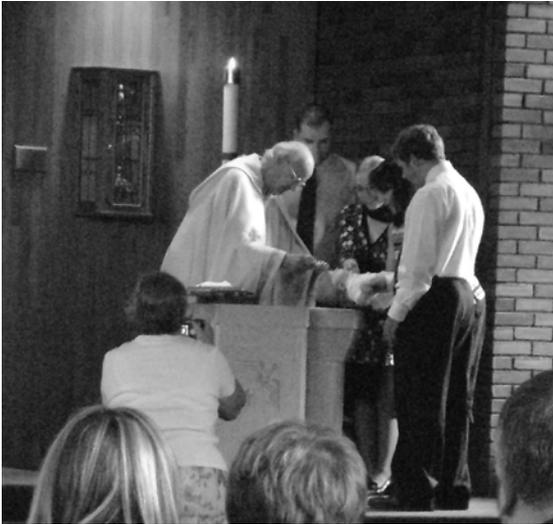
All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.



3. Baptism

Celebrant:
Parents and Godparents, is it your will that *Jordan Carol* should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents and godparents: It is.

Celebrant: *Jordan Carol*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, *(pours water upon baby)*
and of the Son, *(pours water upon baby)*
and of the Holy Spirit. *(pours water upon baby)*

4. Anointing with Chrism

Celebrant: *Jordan Carol*, God the Father has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He has welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

(Celebrant anoints the child on the breast with the chrism.)

All: Amen.

5. Reception of the White Garment

(White garment is put on the child.)

Celebrant:
Jordan Carol, you have become a new creation, and you have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christianity.



With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that honor into the everlasting life of heaven.

All: Amen.



6. Lighted Candle

(Godfather lights the child's candle from the Easter Candle.)

Celebrant: *Jordan Carol*, receive the light of Christ.

Parents and godparents, this light is given to you to be kept burning brightly. Your son, *Jordan Carol*, has been enlightened by Christ. He is to walk always as a child of the light. May he keep the flame of faith alive in his heart. When the Lord comes, may he go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

7. Ephphetha -- Prayer over Ears and Mouth

(Celebrant touches ears & mouth of the child with his thumb)

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus came into the world to proclaim the Good News. *Jordan Carol*, may he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

All: Amen.

Conclusion of the Rite

Celebrant: *Jordan Carol*, you have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: “Our Father”

Blessing of the Parents

Celebrant: God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May God bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her son. May she be one with *Jordan Carol* in thanking God for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May God bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their son in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Vocabulary:

- 1. Salvation – rescue or save someone**
- 2. Celebrant – leader of a service (who has the authority)**
- 3. Divine – of God**
- 4. Sacred – set apart to be holy and blessed**
- 5. Bless – to ask God to give His favor**
- 6. Holy – held in honor, in goodness and of God**
- 7. Consecrate – promise to be dedicated to something sacred**
- 8. Anoint – to rub oil on a part of the body to consecrate**
- 9. Chrism – consecrated oil**
- 10. Profess – declare openly**
- 11. Satan – devil**
- 12. Crucified – death by being nailed to a cross**
- 13. Garment – piece of clothing**
- 14. Witness – to show what you believe is true**
- 15. Renunciation – to reject**
- 16. Font – container to hold holy water**
- 17. Proclaim – to tell everyone**