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# Holy Baptism

of Rory Miles Bobby Darbyshire



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Welcome to Rory's baptism! This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics give instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

*Please stand when the bell rings.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with your all.

**And also with you.**

*The priest welcomes the people gathered, and introduces the service.*

## The Collect

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

### Reading

*Galatians 3:27-4:7*

As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under

guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*At the end of the reading, we respond:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*We stand for the Gospel reading.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

*And the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Homily

### The Presentation of the Candidate

*Please stand.*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism, the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this child, and uphold him his new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The priest then says to the parent and godparents.*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism this child begins his journey of faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

### The Decision

*The priest addresses the parents and godparents.*

In baptism, God calls out us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## Signing with the Cross

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on Rory's forehead.*

Christ claims you as his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

*The congregation makes their way to the font.*

## The Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest blesses the water, calling to mind God's story of salvation for his people. At the end of the prayer:*

...be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Profession of Faith

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this child the faith of the Church:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## The Baptism

*A parent brings Rory to the font, and holds him over the water.*

Rory Miles Bobby, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Rory is then anointed with the Oil of Chrism:*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

## **The Commission and Intercessions**

*The priest reads the words of commission, and then prays for Rory, his family,  
and for the world. At the end, we respond:*

**Amen.**

Let us pray together in the words that Jesus has 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.  
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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Rory, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

## The Blessing

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered you from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place within the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**