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for the Episcopal Church USA

Grades 1-3

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**BAPTIZED IN WATER,
SEALED IN THE SPIRIT**

- I. HOLY BAPTISM (grades 1-3)
- II. COMMUNION (grades 4-6)
- III. CONFIRMATION (grades 7-9)
- IV. RELATIONSHIPS (grades 10-12)

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I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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OR

“Baptized in Water”

(see below)

BAPTIZED IN WATER

Hymnal 1982 # 294

words and music by Michael Saward (b. 1932)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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INTRODUCTION

*Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit
into Christ's Body the Church.*

*The bond which God establishes in Baptism
is indissoluble.*

from The Book of Common Prayer, p. 298

BAPTISM is the 'entrance' into the family of God - the Church.
We are going to spend some time exploring lots about this Sacrament.
There is a washing.
Giving of a name.
Joining a family.

Beginning your life with Jesus.

Baptism is one of the two - and the first - Sacrament
that Jesus himself observed
(the other one was Holy Communion).

This first book in your Duty to God program in Scouts
will begin your journey of Religious Emblems.
The second set - for 4-6 graders - is all about Holy Communion.
Third is for Middle School Scouts and is about your Confirmation.
And lastly for High School Scouts, we have a series on Relationships.

There is no schedule or lesson plan. Use the pages of this book in any
order, and at your own pace. Maybe you will only have time this week
to do one page. Maybe you have a snow day and can do several
activities at once. Work at your own pace.

I hope you will both learn a lot,
and have fun in Scouts and in Church.

May God bless you as you grow in your faith and life in Christ!

Father Ed

“An Outward and Visible Sign”

The Sacraments - Holy Things for Holy People!

from the Catechism, in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, p. 857-859

As you begin your journey, let's start with what the Church says:

(“*Catechism*” - a word from the ancient Greek which means to teach by mouth).

Some of the words may be difficult to read, but your counselor or priest will help.

SACRAMENTS

Q. *What are the sacraments?*

- A. The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.

Q. *What is grace?*

- A. Grace is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

Q. *What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel?*

- A. The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

HOLY BAPTISM

Q. *What is Holy Baptism?*

- A. Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.

Q. *What is the outward and visible sign in Baptism?*

- A. The outward and visible sign in Baptism is water, in which the person is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Q. *What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism?*

- A. The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into God's family the Church, forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit.

Q. *What is required of us at Baptism?*

- A. It is required that we renounce (*turn away from*) Satan, repent of our sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Q. *Why then are infants baptized?*

- A. Infants are baptized so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God.

Q. *How are the promises for infants made and carried out?*

- A. Promises are made for them by their parents and sponsors, who guarantee that the infants will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him.

Water

What do you think of when I say 'water'?

List as many things as you can think of.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What do you feel like when you...



jump into a lake, or run through the sprinkler?



take a bath?



when your mother tells you to wash up before dinner?



when you take a drink of water?



The GREAT VIGIL of (or “*Waiting for*”) EASTER

Cold.

Dark.

Winter is not over.

Easter isn’t here yet.

We stand outside the quiet Church
while the priest reads a very old story,
“Something strange is happening tonight.”

Then strikes a bon-fire and lights a very large and decorated candle.



A light in the darkness.

“The Light of Christ” is sung
as I take a small candle
and walk with others
into the dark and quiet Church.



That large candle goes into a stand
at the center of the Church
as the Deacon sings a song about angels and Jesus
and this candle.

There is a lot of smoke - sweet smelling smoke
as everyone takes their place.

The Ministers, the Choir, the people.
Even us children.



The Church is still dark.

As we listen to stories about:

Adam and Eve

Noah's Ark

Abraham & his son

Moses parting the Red Sea

something about dry bones

a skeleton coming together

a new heart and new spirit.

It's really long! I almost fall asleep. It's late.

There's a lot of singing, too. That's nice.

But it's still really long.



Then our priest invites us to come around the Baptismal Font.



Sam is going to be Baptized!

Wow!

I remember seeing other kids baptized.

But this is special -

more special somehow.

What a night!

I remember the Deacon singing:

“This is the night...”

I bet Sam will remember it forever!

I know I will.



Suddenly we shout,

“ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!”

Jesus is ALIVE!

And the priest says that

we are alive, too!

Because Jesus died and rose from the dead.

Just like Sam going through the waters of death

and coming alive again.

We are alive, too!

“HALLELUJAH!”

Alleluia

Praise God

ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH, part one

What is your earliest memory of Church?

Which Church was it -

Was it your current parish
or another?

What was it like?

Share your story with your classmates and your counselor.

Make a good story of it, and don't be embarrassed if it's a funny memory!

Maybe your first memory was playing in the Church nursery,

or going to Sunday/Church School.

or a wedding: a bride in a white gown, and a groom in a tuxedo

Were you the ring-bearer?

or on Easter morning with trumpets and lots of flowers

or the Easter Vigil in the dark of the night the Saturday before Easter.

or Christmas Eve with lots of waiting and excitement for Christmas morning.

Or maybe it was a Baptism of a friend or cousin.

What you remember about witnessing a Baptism?

Draw a picture of what you remember, or make a list of the things you saw and heard.

ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH, part two

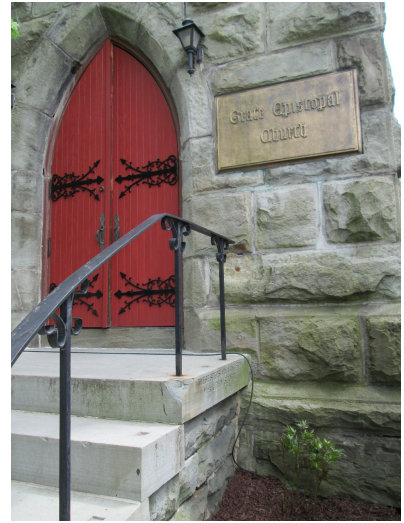
I enter my Church from the street
Going through the red tower doors.

Did you know that many Churches paint their doors red?
Do you know why?

+ *It was a sign to all who needed it
that this was a safe place - sanctuary.*

+ *The blood of the Paschal Lamb
spread on the doors of the Hebrew people
at the time of the Exodus?*

+ *The blood of the martyrs who died for their faith in Christ?*



Many Churches have their baptismal font near the main entrance to the Church.

In my Church, the Baptistry is near the hallway to the Parish Hall.
That's great - as most of our people come into the Church from the Parish Hall.

After Church School and Adult Forum,
after having a cup of coffee in the kitchen,
after chatting with the Choir in the Choir-room,
after the Altar Guild prepares everything in the Sacristy for Communion.

The Entrance to the Church.
I think it's perfect to come through the Baptistry!

And in my Church, the Baptistry also holds a Columbarium ("call-um-bear-ee-um")
where those saints who have died have their ashes stored:

The Entrance to the Church

The Baptismal Font

The Ashes of the Saints

and The Paschal Candle reminding us of Easter

AN ACTIVITY

1. Take a trip to the main door of your Church on a Sunday morning before Church. Ask if you can help greet people as they come in. Who comes into the Church this way?
2. Next week, go to another door - perhaps the Fellowship or Parish Hall door. Who comes in this way?

then,

3. Some day when you do not have school, spend a morning or afternoon helping in the office, or sitting in the hallway. As people come in, welcome them, ask if you can help carry something, or if you can help them in some other way. Who comes into the Church during the week?

Take a walk

Go from your room
up the sidewalk
or the hallway
with your counselor
and companions on this journey
and enter your Church.

I'll bet it is quiet
in the middle of the week, perhaps,
when no one else is around.

what do you see?
what do you hear?
what do you smell?
what do you feel?
what do you remember?
what do you imagine?

Go to the Baptismal Font.

what do you see?
what do you hear?
what do you smell?
what do you feel?
what do you remember?
what do you imagine?

Draw or take a picture of your Church's Baptismal Font.

Are there any symbols on it? Draw them.
Are there any words on it? Write them.

Maybe there's a Memorial Inscription.
Ask your priest about the names on it.
Who were they?
Did they give the Font? When?

HOLY BAPTISM

It's like any Sunday
except there are more people here
I don't recognize some.
Everyone seems joyful. And noisy!

Our priest invites Jess's family and friends
to come to the Baptismal font.

And invites us kids to come up, too
so we can see.

Jess's family are all dressed up.
So is Jess - in a bright white outfit - soft and shiny.



Our priest
the acolytes
Cross and torches

A pitcher of water

a large candle is lit beside the Baptismal font.

(Why is that here? I wonder.

Oh, I remember, the Easter Vigil!)

A cool looking sea shell.

A small candle.

A little towel.

Is that a jar of oil?

I wonder what *that's* for?



All of a sudden I hear the priest say in a loud voice,

“Do you re - nounce...?”

(What does that mean, I wonder?)

Then I hear her say,

“Do you turn to Jesus Christ as your savior?”

I understand that.

“Yes, I do!

I believe in Jesus!”

Our priest turns and asks everyone in the Church,

“What do you believe?”

And everyone answers,

- ✝ “I believe in God.
- ✝ I believe in Jesus.
- ✝ I believe in the Holy Spirit.”

The priest takes the pitcher of water,

and slowly pours it into the large Baptismal bowl.

the Waters of Creation;

the Waters with Moses at the Red Sea;

the Waters of John the Baptist and Jesus at the Jordan River.

“Bless this water with your Holy Spirit, O God.”





Then the priest takes Jess and bends her head down

and three times pours water on her head.

In the name of God:

Creator

Redeemer

Sanctifier

Amen!

("May It Be So!")

Water.

Then a candle. Two candles.

"May the light of Christ always shine in your heart."

Then a cross is made on Jess's forehead:

"Jess, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked as Christ's own forever."

Wow!

Belonging to Jesus!

I never thought about that.

I'm Jesus' child - brother, sister.

I belong to Jesus.

Like I was given to him as, like, a birthday present.

Or a Christmas present - to Jesus

Or an Easter present!

I belong to Jesus!

"Hallelujah!"

And everyone in the congregation applauds.

the priest says:

“Let us welcome the newly baptized.”

and the people in Church respond:

“We receive you into the family of God.

Confess the faith of the crucified Christ;

proclaim his Resurrection;

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.”

I clap too.

This is great!

Jess belongs to Jesus now, too!

And so do I.

Hallelujah!

Praise God!

Draw a picture of what a Baptism looks like at your Church.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES, part one

There are promises, “Vows,” that are made at the time of Baptism.

If the person to be Baptized is an infant, the first promises are made by the sponsors - parents and Godparents.

(Do you have Godparents?

Do you see them often?

Do they help you with your faith in Jesus?)

If the person is older, they answer for themselves.

The first ones have some very important ideas behind them.

I can't help thinking of Harry Potter and Voldemort. Or the evil Dark Lord in J.R.R.Tolkien's books in *The Lord of the Ring* series, even Luke and Darth Vader! (If you've seen the movies or read the books, discuss with your Counselor or Priest the forces of evil and the power of good.)

Question Do you renounce (*turn away from*) Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce (*turn away from*) them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

WHAT DOES “RENOUNCE” MEAN??

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Discuss the questions with your Priest or Counselor.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES, part two

“On my honor I will do my best”

You may remember a Baptism in which you participated in your Church.
The Priest or Bishop asks the people witnessing the Baptism a number of questions.

Everyone who has been Baptized responds with an important answer:
I will, with God’s help.

Let your Leader/Teacher/Priest ask you those questions.
Then explain what you think the question means.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God’s help.**

HOLY WATER

(Holy Water is water which is blessed by a Priest or Bishop for holy purposes.)

Maybe there is a container for Holy Water (called a “stoup”)
at the entrance of your Church.

You can remember the promises made at your Baptism
by dipping your finger in the water
and make the sign of the Cross on your forehead.

That’s where the priest made the sign of the Cross with Chrism oil
when you were baptized.



THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DAYS
(we call them “Feast Days”)

IN THE CHURCH YEAR

WHEN BAPTISMS ARE MOST APPROPRIATE
(though they can be done at any time):

The GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

as we mentioned before
when we relive Christ’s rising from the dead.

The DAY of PENTECOST

when Jesus offers us the Holy Spirit.

ALL SAINTS DAY or the SUNDAY AFTER

when the faithful who have died and promised New Life
through the waters of Baptism are remembered.

The SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

when we remember Jesus’ own Baptism.

Did you know ?

that in an emergency,
(such as the possible death of a baby)
any Baptized Christian can baptize someone!

Take water and pour it three times on his or her forehead and say,

*“I baptize you in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.”*

(But, of course, this is only in an emergency -

when death may be possible -

Then, when it is convenient,
the newly baptized should be brought to the Church.

Ask your priest/pastor if you can help with the next Baptism at your Church!

Baptism in the Bible

The word Baptism comes from the Greek *bapto* = to dip, or dunk; and *baptisma* = to wash.

Jewish Background: Purity Cleansing

A ritual washing prepared someone to enter the Temple in the Holy City of Jerusalem.

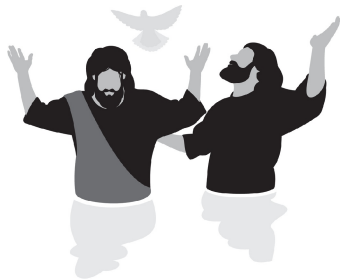
A holy cleaning was performed by someone to convert to the faith.

It was a mature adult decision and action - a sacrament.

Special pools or baths were built
near the Temple and Jewish synagogues.



John the Baptist



Many things were happening to the people of God at time of Jesus and his cousin John.

John is considered the one who prepared the people for Jesus' message and ministry.

John was baptizing many in the Jordan River,
telling the people they must repent and return to God.



Instead of the special pools or baths,
John baptized in the Jordan River.



Jesus came to John as he began his mission of salvation leading to the Cross and Easter. When Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven in the form of a dove.

Early Christianity

The Apostle Philip is the first Christian following Christ's Resurrection to baptize someone.

He followed the example of John and baptized a new believer in the river.

Soon, though, following the Jewish practice, the special pools or baths were used.

Then as Churches began to be built, baptismal fonts were included.

WATER + CANDLE + OIL

WATER

IN the BEGINNING: - CREATION



In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light" - and light appeared. God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light Day" and the darkness "Night." Evening passed and morning came - that was the first day.

Then God commanded, "Let there be a dome to divide the water and to keep it in two separate places" - and it was done. So God made a dome, and it separated the water under it from the water above it. He named the dome "Sky." Evening passed and morning came - that was the second day.

Then God commanded, "Let the water below the sky come together in one place, so that the land will appear" - and it was done. He named the land "Earth," and the water which had come together he named "Sea." And God was pleased with what he saw. Then he commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit" - and it was done.

Genesis, chapter 1, The Good News Bible

The FLOOD - DEATH

God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to all people. I will destroy them completely, because the world is full of their violent deeds.

Build a boat for yourself out of good timber; make rooms in it and cover it with tar inside and out. Make it 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Make a roof for the boat and leave a space of 18 inches between the roof and the sides. Build it with three decks and put a door in the side. I am going to send a flood on the earth to destroy every living being.



Everything on the earth will die, but I will make a covenant with you. Go into the boat with your wife, your sons, and their wives. Take into the boat with you a male and a female of every kind of animal and of every kind of bird, in order to keep them alive. Take along all kinds of food for you and for them." Noah did everything that God commanded.

Genesis, chapter 6



COVENANT - PROMISE

God said to Noah and his sons, "I am now making my covenant with you and with your descendants, and with all living beings - all birds and all animals - everything that came out of the boat with you. With these words I make my covenant with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth.

As a sign of this everlasting covenant which I am making with you and with all living beings, I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world. Whenever I cover the sky with clouds and the rainbow appears, I will remember my promise to you and to all the animals that a flood will never again destroy all living beings. When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth. That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings."

Genesis, chapter 9

And the story continues.

Do you remember...

Moses

the Pharaoh of Egypt

the Passover

the Exodus ('leaving')

the Red Sea...

To prove God's promise to Moses and the faithful people,
the waters of the Red Sea were split open
so the Hebrew people could safely pass through.

The EXODUS

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

CANTICLE 8 The Song of Moses

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 85



Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

An ACTIVITY

Here is a whole class, whole parish, or whole Pack event. Your counselor can set it up for you and your classmates, or you can lead the Exodus for your Sunday School or Pack (with parents' help, of course.)

EXODUS - the game

Though designed as a relay race, Exodus the Game would work as easily having the whole 'nation' go through the trials of the wilderness together. Be sure to have enough eggs, water, 'manna' cakes, etc. for everyone to participate.

(Full details are given in the Leader's Guide)

STATION ONE: **The Great Pyramid**

The slaves of the Hebrew must build a pyramid.

STATION EIGHT: **Manna from heaven**

Now, you must eat a rice cakes of 'manna.'

STATION TWO: **"Silver & Gold"**

Each team must collect pieces of silver and gold. You'll find out why later.

STATION NINE: **10 Commandments**

The team must recite the Ten Commandments. All in the team can help; The commandments do not need to be in the correct order. But you get bonus points if you do!

STATION THREE: **"Shoo-Fly"**

The teams must swat all the flies, frogs and locusts - given as plagues to the Egyptians.

STATION TEN:

The Golden Calf

Taking the gold and silver foil jewelry, the team must form what looks something like a calf.

STATION FOUR: **The Passover**

Paint the doorposts of your house so that the Angel of Death will "pass over" your house.

STATION ELEVEN:

Clay Tablets

Smashed tablets of the Law will be provided. Members of the team must piece together the jigsaw puzzle.

STATION FIVE: **"One for the Road"**

You must peel and eat one hard boiled egg and sprig of parsley for the Seder meal.

STATION SIX: **"Wade in the water"**

Each team must separate the red sea, get every member of the team across; and return the sea.

STATION TWELVE:

The Ark of the Covenant

The tablets of the Commandments must be placed in the 'Ark' container provided and carried across to the Promised Land.

STATION SEVEN: **Water at Marah**

You must drink a glass (8 oz.) of 'sour' water (with added lemon juice or wedge).

Trick: No team member may touch the Ark itself - lest they 'die' and be disqualified (meaning they have to try this step again.)

CANDLE

The LIGHT of CHRIST



In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

This was the real light - the light that comes into the world and shines on all people. The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children.

John, chapter 1

The LIGHT to the WORLD

Jesus said, "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew, chapter 5

In your Church, there may be a large candle
placed at the Baptismal font
and used at the Easter Vigil, for Baptisms and for Funerals.

The priest may take a small candle
light it from the Paschal Candle
and hand it to the person just baptized,
to a parent, god-parent or brother or sister, even.

**"May the light of Christ
shine through your life
and light up the world.
Amen."**



OIL

A WELCOME

Psalm 23

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 612



- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
- you have anointed my head with oil,**
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A BLESSING

³⁰ God said to Moses, "Anoint Aaron and his sons, and ordain them as priests in my service. ³¹
Say to the people of Israel,

**"This anointing oil is to be used in my service for all time to come...
It is holy, and you must treat it as holy. ³³Whoever makes any like it or
uses any of it on anyone who is not a priest will no longer be
considered one of my people.' "**

Exodus 30: 30-33

The final act of Baptism (except for the welcoming by the congregation)
is the anointing with *Chrism*,
a special oil blessed for Baptisms.
Ask your priest to see, smell, maybe even feel the Chrism.

**Then the Bishop or Priest
places a hand on the person's head,
marking on the forehead the sign of the cross.**

BCP p.308

We are considered as a 'priesthood of all believers.'
With your counselor, look up and read the First Letter of Peter, chapter 2.

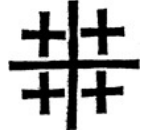


The Sign of the Cross



The sign of the Cross on the forehead
is also done at your Confirmation;
and each year on Ash Wednesday:

“Remember that you are but dust, and to dust you shall return.”



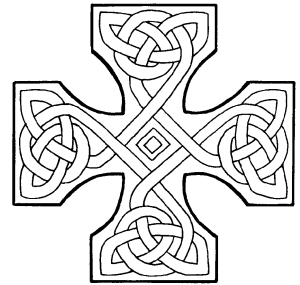
AN ACTIVITY

How many different kinds, shapes, styles of Crosses
can you find in your Church?

Take a tour and look everywhere,
even where you would least expect to find one.

Challenge your classmates to see who can find the most!

Draw them.



“Jess, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ’s own forever. *Amen.*”

Remember that jar of oil?

The Sign of the Cross was made on your forehead at Baptism.

Oil will also be used to make the Sign of the Cross when you’re Confirmed.

That sign is also made on your forehead by the priest when you die.

And we make that sign of the Cross on our own foreheads
when we enter the Church remembering our Baptism.

But here’s something interesting.

It was adopted and changed by the early Church
from what the ancient Roman army did.

When a young man joined the Roman army, there was a special initiation ceremony.
The new soldier made an oath to the Roman gods, called *sacramentum*,
from which we get the word *Sacrament*.

A very early Bishop in the Church, Tertullian, took that symbol and made it Christian,
turning away from the pagan practice of the Romans.

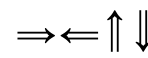
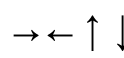


We believe that Baptism is full inclusion into the Body of Christ the Church:

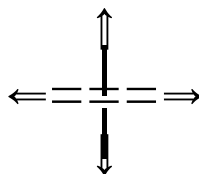
Universal = with all Christians everywhere
and **Eternal** = with all Saints who have gone before us

Up and Down

and Left and Right



All around
Above and below



the Cross

*Now, let's see what you learned.
How many of the important words
about Baptism
can you find?*

BAPTISM WORD SEARCH

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F	S	E	L	M	B	A	P	T	I	S	M	Y	S	H	CHURCH
O	A	N	O	I	N	T	I	N	G	W	L	K	E	M	EASTER
N	P	B	M	L	F	L	W	K	L	M	D	C	W	Y	ENTRANCE
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O	Y	I	C	A	N	D	L	E	B	M	L	Q	H	C	FONT
R	E	S	U	R	R	E	C	T	I	O	N	D	Z	H	FORGIVENESS
V	N	W	S	F	G	W	L	I	E	O	Q	W	J	U	NEW LIFE
L	H	R	T	F	U	K	A	C	N	C	J	A	U	R	OIL
L	T	K	G	K	T	O	W	E	L	Y	O	T	F	C	RESURRECTION
O	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N	E	S	S	E	T	H	TOWEL
A	I	I	O	B	T	T	U	B	V	W	M	R	X	L	WASHING
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(answers are in the Leaders' book)

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

*a rose by any other name
would smell as sweet*

William Shakespeare

For hundreds of years
children did not have a name until they were “christened” (baptized).

They had a last name, like Johnson (son of John), MacDonald (son of Donald),
or Cartwright (if Dad was someone who built carts and wagons)
or Van Dusseldorf (someone from Dusseldorf)
but no first name.

Until Baptism.

Then a child was given a “Christian name”
usually one from a family member.

For example, in Luke’s Gospel, we hear that Zechariah and Elizabeth got in trouble,
because Zechariah named his son, John (the Baptist),
there was no “John” in their family.

Zechariah was struck ‘dumb’ - not able to speak -
until John was born - because he didn’t believe God!

What are your names? _____

Are there any others in your family with those names?

Why did your parents pick your name?
Ask them. There may be a great story there.

Share it with your counselor and classmates.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have learned a lot about the first Sacrament of the Church.

You, your parent or guardian, and your counselor/leader/or priest will sign and submit your application for your first RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS in your journey towards Eagle Scout.

Then you will receive your award which should be presented to you at
a Scout Court of Honor,
or possibly
in your parish Church -
maybe on Scout Sunday in February!

May God's Blessings be with you throughout your growth in the love of Christ,
your dedication and work through Scouting,
and your commitment to serve Christ in the world.

I look forward to seeing you in these other books:

Holy Communion	for grades 4-6
Confirmation	for grades 7-9
Relationships	for grades 10-12

Yours,

Fr. Ed

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