



THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER
Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



Baptism

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A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

At St Peter's we seek to welcome believers into the family of God. We are a church that has at its heart generous hospitality (Manaakitanga). All are welcome and what we have we will willingly share with you. We are happy to make space for you and your whanau, our hope is that you will commit to joining us as often as you can in order to continue this journey you have embarked upon. Baptism is not just a one off event.

Every Sunday is a celebration for us so we will always be available, we will invite you back especially at significant events when we seek to gather all our whanau to celebrate together.

If you have struggles in life or in your whanau please do not hesitate to be in touch we can help in lots of different ways and please know that we will pray for you and your whanau as you embark on this great journey of knowing Jesus Christ.

Within this booklet we use liturgy to speak and pray to God, the words that are in Bold we all say together, the rest belongs to the priest whose role it is to perform the baptism and there are some parts that are just for the parents, carer's and God parents.

People often ask what does it cost to be baptised at the Cathedral. Baptism is a free gift from God. God's gifts are always free. However, if you want to make a donation to the ongoing work of our Cathedral, there is a donation box at the entrance.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to ask.

Bless you, Dean Wendy

Welcome

E te whanau a te Kariati

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We are all part of the rhythm of life.

We are born, we give birth,

we live in relationship, we search for meaning,

we make choices, our hope is we die surrounded

by those we love,

we suffer the loss of those we love.

As we celebrate this day of the journey,

peace and joy be with you

And also with you.

Priest: Today is a special day when we welcome [*Name(s)*]
into the family of God and into the community
of this Christian Church here at St Peter's Cathedral.

The early church received believers by baptism.

Believer's children were also baptised so that with the
support and encouragement of parents, godparents
and their family, together with the family of the
church, they should grow up to know Jesus for
themselves.

Confession:

God so loves each one of us
that He gave His son Jesus to show us the best way
to live. Jesus shows us the best way to experience
life as it was meant to be lived.

We have all done things wrong, things we regret.
When we tell God what has happened,
He forgives us, the slate is wiped clean
and we are given the chance to start again.

We come to say sorry.

Silence

Priest: Let us pray to God and ask for forgiveness.

All: **Heavenly Father, we have done things wrong
in what we have thought and said.
We are truly sorry and turn to you.
Forgive us, for Jesus sake. Amen.**

Priest: Through Jesus, God has forgiven you,
forgive others,
forgive yourself,
be at peace.

Gospel Reading

Boo's Creed

(Anglican's are people who are known as creedal people, we say what we believe. This creed reflects a way a small person may see who God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are and what it means to be counted in the family of God.)

**I believe that God loves me because I am me
God loves me up to the spaceships
I have potential because
Jesus Christ lives in me**

**God brings me friends and strangers
to show love to and to receive love from
We look for you in their eyes,
they have potential too**

**Jesus you are the baby that
comes at Christmas
And shows us how to live and love
Until we nail you to the cross
And put you in a cave
But you escape because you are God
and you're too big for a cave**

**You come to us as Holy Spirit,
as whanau and friend
Our small hands are your hands,
We are not old or young;
we are all children of God
and the Kingdom of God is ours.**

The Baptism

We baptise people in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit;
the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.
This water represents the water of creation,
the dangerous water of the flood,
the water the people went through into freedom,
the water Jesus was baptised in,
the water [*Name(s)*] will be baptised in,
the water you were or will be baptised in
and so much more.

Invite children to help pour the water in font

So we ask God to bless this water,
to make it special for [*Name(s)*]
Jesus said some wonderful things and did such amazing
things that people just had to ask Him who He was.
Once when they asked Him who He was,
He said: ***'I am the LIGHT'.***

The Holy Spirit goes where He wills.
He rides the invisible wind like a dove
and comes to each of us when we need comfort,
strength, and encouragement.
The Holy Spirit is invisible, like the scent of this oil.
He is invisible but still there.

People are baptised when they are babies, children,
teenagers, grownups or when they are very old.

Today [*Name(s)*] is/are to be baptised.

We ask a person to be baptised questions,
because [Name] is a baby and too little to answer for themselves
we ask their parents and godparents

Priest to the parents & godparents:

How will you care for this child?

I will love this child and share my faith with her/him

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Are you sorry for all that you have done wrong?

I am sorry.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Baptism

[*Name*], I baptise you in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Oil

[*Name*] you are sealed by the Holy Spirit
as I sign you with the cross of Jesus.
You are marked as His own forever.

A parishioner will now present a candle to the newly baptised

Light This is the day when [*Name*] receives his/her
baptism light. We light [*Name*]'s light from
the Christ candle.

[*Name*], remember the day of your baptism.
Receive this light. We welcome you!

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.
God receives you by baptism
into the Church.
Child of God,
Blessed in the Spirit.
Welcome to the family of Christ!**

The Affirmation:

Priest: Praise to God who has given us life.
Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.
Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.
Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.
Blessed be God, Jesus Is Lord!

As the community of Faith we rejoice at this baptism
and will share with [*Name*]
what we ourselves have received:
a delight in prayer,
a love for the word of God,
a desire to follow the way of Christ,
and food for the journey

**God of love, we thank you for our calling
to be disciples of Christ.**

**Help us to nurture [*Name*] in the faith we share,
May she/he grow to love, worship and serve you,
and bring life to the world. Amen.**

To the Family:

May your feet walk in the way of the Lord
May your voice speak the word of God
May your hands serve God in blessing others
May your life show something of the glory of God
May you know the peace of God now and always.
Amen.

**We will walk this way together,
with Jesus Christ in our midst.
Our hands are open to receive,
our hearts are open to give,
our minds long to learn
and our souls reach out to each other.
This time is eternal time for us
and God will be our blessing. Amen.**

Let us go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen! We go in the name of Christ.

You are welcome to take photos anywhere in the Cathedral.

*Remember this is your home now,
so please enjoy the space and come back soon.*

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