



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

27 CHURCH STREET | STONINGTON, CT 06378

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM (CHILD)

FULL NAME OF CHILD: _____

GENDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____

PARENTS' ADDRESS(ES):

PARENT 1: _____

PARENT 2: _____

(IF THE SAME AS PARENT 1 LEAVE BLANK)

PARENTS' TELEPHONE (HOME AND CELL):

PARENT 1: _____

PARENT 2: _____

PARENTS' EMAIL ADDRESSES:

PARENT 1: _____

PARENT 2: _____

FATHER'S FAITH AND CHURCH AFFILIATION, IF ANY: _____

MOTHER'S FAITH AND CHURCH AFFILIATION, IF ANY: _____

FAMILY'S RELATIONSHIP TO CALVARY CHURCH: _____

IF PARENTS AND CHILD ARE NOT ACTIVE WORSHIPERS AT CALVARY
REASON FOR DESIRING BAPTISM TO BE AT CALVARY: _____

AT LEAST ONE SPONSOR MUST BE A BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN; ALL MUST BE ABLE TO MAKE THE PROMISES
ON THE ATTACHED PAGE

GODPARENT OR SPONSOR 1

GODPARENT OR SPONSOR 2:

DATE REQUESTED FOR SERVICE: _____ DATE REQUEST SUBMITTED: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT BAPTISM IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FROM THE CATECHISM (*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*, PAGES 858-9)

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. *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.

ABOUT THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM (FROM PAGE 298 OF THE EPISCOPAL *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*)

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.

Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.

Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.

PROMISES MADE BY PARENTS AND GODPARENTS/SPONSORS DURING THE SERVICE (PAGES 302-3 OF THE *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*):

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce 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.

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.