

What happens at the service - that is seen/ heard & unseen?

Seen and heard -

- Promises made by you as parents and god-parents.
- The sign of water placed over the baptized.
- Prayers offered for the baptized.
- The church receiving the baptized person.

Unseen -

- *God acts* by offering His Grace to the one being baptized.

Being baptized in the Anglican tradition and others in other traditions?

- There is only “one God, one faith, one baptism”.
- No one is baptized Anglican. He or she is baptized ‘Christian’ or ‘into Christ’ in the Anglican tradition or in the tradition of another church.

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What is Baptism?

Questions and Answers for Parents and God Parents



***Jesus commanded, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit....”
(Matthew 28:19 RSV)***

Since receiving this command from Jesus, Christians have had difficulty agreeing on the details of baptism.

What is baptism?

- It's receiving God's Holy Spirit.
- The beginning of the Christian life & family.
- The reception into a local fellowship.

Who participates in the baptism?

- Parents & God-parents who enter into an agreement with God for the child.
- The minister leads the service and baptizes, but does not make the baptism valid –
- The congregation receives the baptized into the fellowship of Christ
- God, who works through his Holy Spirit changing the baptized person.

Why is water used?

- Water symbolizes repentance or a changed life, even before the time of Christ.
- Jesus gave an example of baptism in the water of the Jordan.

- Water is a good reminder of God washing us clean from our faults.
- No proper amount of water is defined by scripture

Who is worthy to be baptized?

- No one is worthy . . . because everyone falls short of God's expectations.
- Everyone is worthy . . . because God, in his merciful love, accepts each person through the death of Christ.

Who can be baptized?

- Anyone can honestly enter into God's agreement through Christ.
- Anyone who has someone to help them enter the agreement with God and then fulfills the agreement.

Why are babies baptized?

- In the early church, whole families followed the father into the faith.
- Jews brought their boys at eight days old to become Jews. Some Christians down through history have done the same.
- When Christians were persecuted in the early church, infant baptism was widely practiced because of the danger of death. Here in this part of the world- no persecution as such exists – however the practice lives on.