

GROUP ONE: BAPTISM

The person to be baptised (*a baby doll may be used to represent a baby*) and the family are gathered around the font. (*Use a basin to represent the font*).

The priest pours water from a small jug three times on the forehead. As he does this he says the words:

“(NAME), I BAPTISE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

GROUP TWO: CONFIRMATION

The candidate walks up to the ‘Bishop’.

The sponsor places his right hand on the left shoulder of the candidate.

The Bishop dips his right thumb into the chrism oil and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate saying,

“(NAME), BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

GROUP THREE: EUCHARIST

The ‘priest’ stands behind a table (*the altar*) and the people face him.

He places his hands over the gifts and says,

“MAKE HOLY THEREFORE THESE GIFTS, WE PRAY, BY SENDING DOWN YOUR SPIRIT UPON THEM LIKE THE DEWFALL, SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME FOR US THE BODY (*sign of the cross*) AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.”

He raises the host and says,

“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”

He raises the chalice and says,

“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”

GROUP FOUR: RECONCILIATION

The penitent (*person who is repenting*) speaks aloud to himself showing that he is sorry for his sin (*stealing*) and that he has decided not to sin again. (*Make up your own script*)

He then goes to the priest and confesses his sin. The priest tells him to return the stolen goods and express his sorrow.

The penitent makes an act of contrition.

The priest then extends his hands over the penitent’s head and says:

GOD, THE FATHER OF MERCIES, THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF HIS SON, HAS RECONCILED THE WORLD TO HIMSELF AND SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG US FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH MAY GOD GIVE YOU PARDON AND PEACE, AND I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, + AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The penitent answers: AMEN.

GROUP FIVE: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A sick person is lying on a bed. The family stands around.

The priest approaches the bed. He lays his hands on the person and prays silently.

He then anoints the forehead with his thumb saying:

THROUGH THIS ANOINTING, MAY THE LORD IN HIS LOVE AND MERCY HELP YOU WITH GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

All say: AMEN.

The priest then anoints the hands saying:

MAY THE LORD WHO FREED YOU FROM SIN SAVE YOU AND RAISE YOU UP.

All: AMEN.

The sick person could show some sign of peace, joy or healing.

GROUP SIX: HOLY ORDERS

The bishop stands in front of the altar. The candidate kneels before him.

The bishop places his hands on the candidate's head and prays silently. Other priests also come forward and do the same.

The bishop then raises his hands over the candidate and prays:

ALMIGHTY FATHER, GRANT TO THIS SERVANT OF YOURS THE DIGNITY OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

RENEW WITHIN HIM THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS.

AS A CO-WORKER WITH THE ORDER OF BISHOPS MAY HE BE FAITHFUL TO THE MINISTRY THAT HE RECEIVES FROM YOU, LORD GOD, AND BE TO OTHERS A MODEL OF RIGHT CONDUCT.

GROUP SEVEN: MATRIMONY

Bride and groom face the priest.

Priest: SINCE IT IS YOUR INTENTION TO ENTER INTO MARRIAGE, JOIN YOUR RIGHT HANDS, AND DECLARE YOUR CONSENT BEFORE GOD AND HIS CHURCH.

Groom: I, (NAME), TAKE YOU, (NAME), TO BE MY WIFE. I PROMISE TO BE TRUE TO YOU IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH. I WILL LOVE YOU AND HONOR YOU ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

Bride: I, (NAME), TAKE YOU, (NAME), TO BE MY HUSBAND. I PROMISE TO BE TRUE TO YOU IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH. I WILL LOVE YOU AND HONOR YOU ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

Priest : YOU HAVE DECLARED YOUR CONSENT BEFORE THE CHURCH. MAY THE LORD IN HIS GOODNESS STRENGTHEN YOUR CONSENT AND FILL YOU BOTH WITH HIS BLESSINGS. WHAT GOD HAS JOINED, MEN MUST NOT DIVIDE. AMEN.