

P: God, our heavenly Father, give your grace and peace to the parents of Brooklyn Zlotkowski. Grant strength, patience, comfort, and compassion to be trustworthy parents. Make these parents teachers and examples of faith and witness to this child of the love that you have given to us all in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Presentation & Welcome

P: Through baptism, God has granted to Brooklyn Zlotkowski the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may proclaim the praise of God, and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

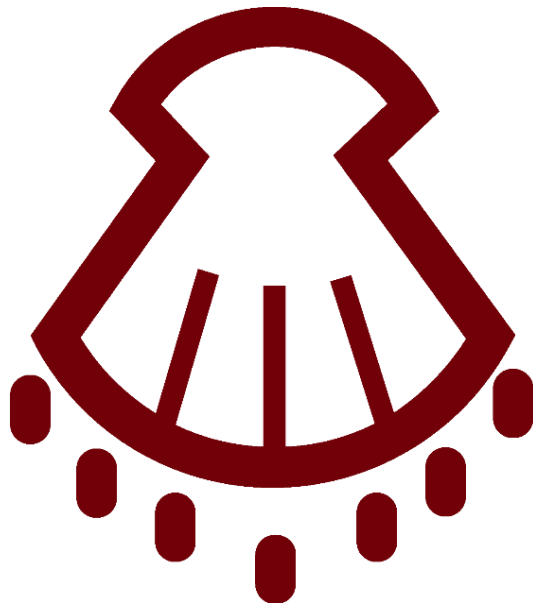
C: We welcome you into the Lord's family as a fellow member of the body of Christ. We are children of the same heavenly Father and workers together with you in the Kingdom of God.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another, sharing Christ's peace.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM BROOKLYN ROSE ZLOTKOWSKI



Welcome

P: We gather today to proclaim the promise of God through water and the Word, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Baptism is not merely water; it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word, as Jesus taught us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

Baptism brings about forgiveness of sins, delivery from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe, as the Word and promise of God declare: "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy." (Titus 3:5-8a)

Presentation & Charge

P: From ancient times, the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors to stand with baptismal candidates as they receive the Sacrament, and in their continuing life of faith. I ask them to present the candidate at this time:

R: We present Brooklyn Zlotkowski to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: As parents and sponsors of this child of God, you should faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, teaching her the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. You should pray for her, encourage her, and serve as examples of faith in Christ and in love for her neighbor. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a Godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you intend to fulfill these obligations?

R: I do.

Prayer

P: Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We call upon you in faith and ask that you would bestow upon Brooklyn Zlotkowski the gifts of baptism through the washing of regeneration and renewal in your Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin that is cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Statement of Faith

P: Now I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his ways?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

(The water is poured three times as the promise is spoken:)

P: Brooklyn Zlotkowski, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers & Anointing

(The minister lays hands on the head of the baptized:)

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Brooklyn Zlotkowski: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Amen.

(The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized as the following words are spoken.)

P: Brooklyn Zlotkowski, child of God, you have been sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A lighted candle may be given to the sponsor of a young child.)

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)