



HOLY TRINITY BRUSSELS

Baptism of Benjamin Oliver Scalzo
25 September 2021

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

A READING FROM PSALM 139

The readings are followed by:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 7:24-27 (in Italian and English)

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The chaplain addresses the whole congregation

Chaplain Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Benjamin and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The chaplain then says to the parents and godparents

Chaplain Parents and godparents, the Church receives Benjamin with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents & Godparents **With the help of God, we will.**

Chaplain In baptism Benjamin begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents & Godparents **With the help of God, we will.**

DECISION

The chaplain addresses the parents and godparents

Chaplain In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him.
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? ***I turn to Christ.***

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? ***I submit to Christ.***

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

The chaplain makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying,

Chaplain Benjamin, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**
May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Chaplain Praise God who made heaven and earth

All who keeps his promise for ever

Chaplain Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise

Chaplain We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The chaplain addresses the congregation

Chaplain Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Benjamin the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Chaplain Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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

Chaplain Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

THE BAPTISM

Benjamin Oliver, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Chaplain May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSION

The Chaplain addresses the congregation, parents and godparents

Chaplain We have brought Benjamin to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ he will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit. As he grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that he may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve his neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation. As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support him by prayer, example and teaching.

As his parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him in his early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding this child in the way of faith.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Padre Nostro, che sei nei cieli, sia santificato il tuo nome. Venga il tuo regno, sia fatta la tua volontà, Come in cielo, così in terra. Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano, e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti come anche noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori. E non abbandonarci alla tentazione, ma liberaci dal male. Tuo il regno, tua la potenza e la gloria nei secoli. Amen.

THE WELCOME

Chaplain There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Benjamin, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you in the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

THE BLESSING

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Chaplain God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.