



Menangle Anglican Church

St James welcomes you

Baptism Service 1



Our Lord Jesus Christ said, *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believed in him should not perish but have eternal life. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

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 forever. Amen

When our Lord Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, He commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to all nations & to baptize those who believe. They obeyed His command & we read of the Apostle Peter preaching in these words, *Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you, to your children, and everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Him.*

We read here the promise of God to give forgiveness and His Holy Spirit to all who turn to Christ. This promise also embraces the children of God's people. The risen Jesus is willing to give the blessing of eternal life to our children whom we bring to Him in faith. Children must themselves express their faith in God when they are able to do so. They must turn away from sin and place their trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Parents and Godparents, you, who already trust in Christ, are asked to make the Baptismal promises on behalf of *this child*. You must also undertake to teach and encourage *him* in the same faith.

The Promises

Are you yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, trusting the good promises of God? **I am**

Are you willing to sponsor this child, answering for him now and accepting responsibility for his Christian upbringing in the Church? **I am willing**

I ask you now to answer in the name of this child:

Do you turn away from your sins, the Devil & all evil? **I turn away from all evil**

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ**

This child has been brought for Baptism. Let us **all** profess the faith into which *he is* to be baptized and nurtured.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Parents and Godparents, I now ask you Do you profess this faith? **I do**

Will you, with God's help, follow Jesus faithfully, and obey His commands throughout your life? **With His help, I intend to do so**

Lord our merciful God, you have promised in Christ to be our God & the God & Father of our children. Fulfill your promise to us, and for Jesus Christ's sake receive *this child* as *a member* of your family. Grant that *he* may receive the fullness of your grace and the washing away of all *his* sins, for without these blessings no one can enter into your Kingdom. May your Spirit live & work in *him*, & may *he* be yours forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Baptism

Would you please name your child?

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God has called you into his Church

We therefore receive and welcome you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same heavenly Father, and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.

I sign you with the sign of the cross, to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified and that you are not to be ashamed to confess your faith in him.

Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end.

God has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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