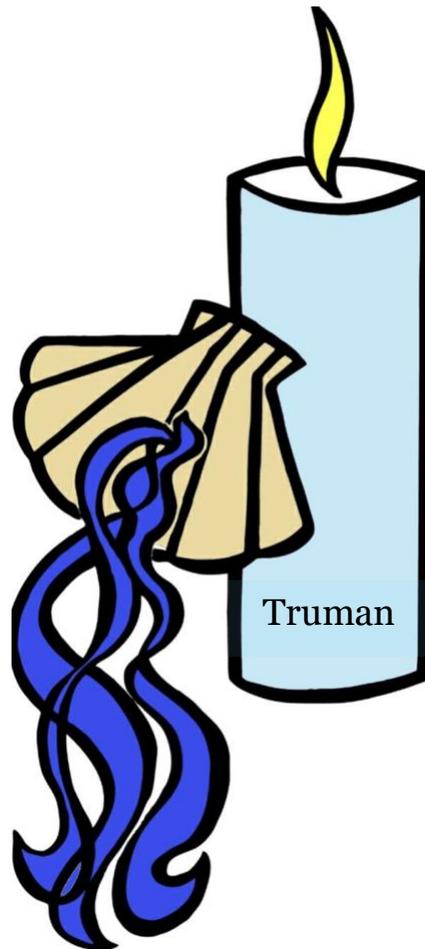


# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



*TRUMAN BRUCE JOHNSON*

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## PRESENTATION

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister may address the assembly:*  
God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*  
We present *Truman Bruce* for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Truman Bruce* baptized into Christ?

*Response:*

I do.

*The presiding minister continues:*

As you bring *Truman* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,  
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,  
so that *he* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Truman* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:*

I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Truman* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:*

I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support *Truman Bruce* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

*At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *he* who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Truman Bruce, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*After each baptism, the assembly responds:*

**Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain *Truman Bruce* with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

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, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

*Truman Bruce, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

*Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The service continues with the prayers of intercession.*

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Truman's parents are Mya and Tanner Johnson. His sponsors are Haley Sigel and Matt Sweeney.

Truman is the grandson of Chris and Chip Johnson. So he is also the great grandson of Susan and Terrill Johnson.

