



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR FINLEY GRACE SKUGRUD

In preparation for Baptism, the Apostles' Creed is said together as a congregation. By way of introduction, the pastor says:

When we baptize, we baptize into the body of Christ. Confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, we affirm our faith in a living God who creates life, sustains life, and redeems life. Let us together confess the faith of the church—the faith into which we baptize:

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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.

PRESENTATION

The pastor invites the family and sponsors to come forward.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth 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. In baptism, we are joined with all who are baptized, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and we are called to join God's mission for the life of the world.

The pastor asks the parents and sponsors:

Pastor: As you bring Finley to be baptized, do you promise to remain connected to the church, the Body of Christ? Will you bring her to the services of God's house, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Ten Commandments? As she grows in years, will you help her to read the Bible and understand how much God loves her? Will you nurture her in the faith of the church? If so, answer, "We will."

Parents and Sponsors: We will.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we confess in the Apostles' Creed? If so, answer, "I believe."

Parents and Sponsors: I believe.

Pastor: Do you turn away from the things of this world that pull you from God and God's love? If so, answer, "I do, with God's help."

Parents and Sponsors: I do, with God's help.

The pastor asks the congregation:

Pastor: People of God, will you support Finley and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, answer, "We will."

C: We will.

BAPTISM

The pastor prays as a sponsor pours the water into the baptismal bowl.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

Pastor: Finley Grace, Child of God, you are baptized you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: 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.

Sustain Finley 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.

C: Amen

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with water. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

Pastor: Finley Grace, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

WELCOME

The pastor will present the baptismal candle at this time:

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life." Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven.

Let us welcome Finley.

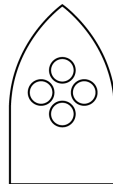
C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The baptized child is presented to the congregation.

**C: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**



Child's Name: Finley Grace Skugrud
Date of Baptism: August 22, 2020
Presiding Minister: Pastor Kristen Capel
Parents: Morgan and Joran Skugrud
Sponsors: Catherine Jane Campbell
Kyle Connell Skugrud



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