**Bill No 1**

**(2016 Bill No 11 lies on the table)**

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**A Bill to Adopt as Formularies Liturgies for Baptism and for Laying on of Hands, 2018**

**Whereas**, General Synod 1987 adopted as a Formulary the Liturgy of Baptism and The Laying on of Hands for Confirmation and Renewal, and

**Whereas**, the House of Bishops and the Common Life Liturgical Commission have for some years been discussing revisions of this liturgy, and

**Whereas**, a small working group has researched and reported to the House of Bishops and the Common Life Liturgical Commission, who now recommend changes, and

**Whereas**, it is now desired to provide new Formularies.

**The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:**

**1. Title.**  The Title of this Statute is *The Baptism of Children, The Baptism of Adults, and The Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception, Liturgies Statute, 2018.*

**2. Purpose.** To adopt as Formularies the Liturgies in the schedule below.

**3.** The Liturgies ‘The Baptism of Children,’ ‘The Baptism of Adults,’ and ‘The Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception,’ are added to the Formularies of this Church.

**4.**  **Clause 3 of this Statute** is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

**Schedule (over page):**

*The Liturgy of Baptism*

Concerning this Service

*Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.*

*When someone is baptised, that person is brought to Jesus Christ, and made a member of Christ’s Church. It is a new start to life in which the baptised person is accepted and sealed by God with the Holy Spirit to represent Christ to the world.*

*As a response to the baptism which God gives us, we and the candidates declare our faith and intention to serve Christ, and ask for God’s continuing grace to support us in the task to which we are called.*

*When a baptism is of a baby or a child, the baptised receives the love and shared faith of the family to grow up into Christ.*

*Through prayer and fellowship within the body of Christ God strengthens and nourishes us.*

*You are here today to help with your presence, your prayers and your love.*

*Jesus Christ came that we might have life,*

*and have it in all its fullness.*

*Introduction*

*It is widely agreed that these essential elements are to be found in any comprehensive baptismal liturgy:*

The proclamation of the Scriptures referring to baptism

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Renunciation of evil

Profession of faith in Christ and the Holy Trinity

The use of water in baptism

A declaration that those baptised have acquired a new identity

as sons and daughters of God

A declaration of membership of the Church

The ‘call’ of the baptised to be witnesses of the gospel

*These elements are incorporated in the Liturgy of Baptism that follows. In common with many churches there is here also provided a service in which baptised Christians respond to their baptism and receive the laying on of hands for affirmation.*

*Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.*

*Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.*

*It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.*

*It is the Church’s teaching that baptism cannot be repeated in a person’s life, because it is the action of God which declares our relationship ‘in Christ’. The service of* ***The Liturgy of Baptism*** *includes a profession of faith and commitment to Christian service, as well as promises by parents and godparents to nurture the faith of a child baptised.*

*It may be appropriate for some candidates to give personal witness to their faith after* ***The Baptismal Covenant****.*

*In the baptism service all members of the congregation have an opportunity to renew their faith in Jesus as Lord and in the Creed profess the faith of their baptism.*

***The Minister of the Services***

*The bishop, when present, is the celebrant; and is expected to preach the Word and preside at Baptism and the Eucharist. At Baptism, the bishop officiates at the Presentation and Examination of the Candidates;  says the Thanksgiving over the Water; [consecrates the Chrism;] reads the prayer, “Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit;” and officiates at what follows.*

*In the absence of a bishop, a priest is the celebrant and presides at the service. If a priest uses Chrism in signing the newly baptized, it must have been previously consecrated by the bishop.*

*If the priest is absent it is permissible for a deacon to baptise.*

***Emergency Baptism***

*In the case of emergency a layperson may baptise, pouring water on the candidate and saying*

*[Name]* I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

*These words may be added*

God receives you by baptism into the Church.

*When appropriate such emergency baptism is followed by a welcome and acknowledgement by the congregation, at which the priest should make the sign of the cross on the baptised and receive The Affirmations from the candidate or from the parent(s) and godparents.*

***Conditional Baptism***

*If there is doubt that a person has been baptised, then conditional baptism should take place, the priest preceding the words at baptism with the following*

‘If you are not already baptised...’

***The Use of Oil***

*The sign of the cross after baptism may be made with oil set apart for this purpose by the bishop. It is appropriate for the bishop to do this on Maundy Thursday, or some other day in Holy Week.*

*The following form is suggested.*

*The bishop may say*

God of all creation,

at baptism your Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit;

in Christ’s name we set apart this oil.

Grant that those who are signed at their baptism

with the cross of their Saviour in this holy oil,

may be sealed by your Spirit as yours for ever,

and share in the royal priesthood of your Church,

for you live and reign one God for ever.

**Amen.**

*The prayer for blessing the oil in The Ministry of Healing [page 746] emphasises the use of oil as a sign of forgiveness, healing and salvation.*

*The prayer for blessing the oil for Baptism emphasises the sealing by the Holy Spirit and the sharing in the royal priesthood of God’s Church.*

*There may be two different oils for these different purposes.*

***Baptismal Discipline***

*The General Synod has from time to time set out Guidelines for Christian Initiation which govern baptismal discipline. Those celebrating these services are expected to be familiar with such Guidelines and any others adopted in each episcopal jurisdiction of this Church.*

*Within the fellowship of the Church, and with its help, it is the responsibility of parents and godparents of children baptised to teach the child*

the Lord’s Prayer and how to pray

the Creeds and the Faith of the Church

the Commandments and how to obey the teaching of Christ

and how to read the Scriptures to discover the Word of God.

*They are also to encourage their child to take her/his place in the eucharistic community, to make a commitment to the Lord.*

***Additional Directions*** *are to be found at the end of the liturgies for baptism.*

*The Liturgy of Baptism*

*Of Children*

*Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast, but may be administered at another service of worship.*

*Baptism follows the proclamation of the Word, and in the context of a celebration of the Holy Eucharist is prior to* ***The Peace.***

*In special circumstances the bishop or priest shall provide a suitable introduction to this liturgy.*

**God’s Call**

*The bishop or priest says*

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,

God is love, God gives us life.

We love because God first loves us.

In baptism God declares that love;

in Christ God calls us to respond.

**The Presentation for Baptism**

*Each candidate for baptism is presented individually by a sponsor or, in the case of a child, by a parent or godparent, who says*

I present *N   (my child)* to be baptised and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

*The bishop or priest says*

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers’ children have also been baptised so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ’s resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you,

in the name of Jesus the Christ

for the forgiveness of your sins,

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is to you and to your children,

and to all who are far away, everyone whom

the Lord our God may call.’

*( Names )*   How do you respond to this promise?

*The parents and godparents of each child reply*

We hear God’s call and ask for baptism.

*The bishop or priest says to the parents and godparents*

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

*The parents and godparents reply*

I renounce all evil.

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you trust in Christ’s victory which brings forgiveness,

freedom and life?

*The parents and godparents reply*

In faith I turn to Christ,

my way, my truth, my life,

as I care for this child.

*People*

**May God keep you in the way you have chosen.**

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

*The bishop or priest says*

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

*People*

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**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.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*Or*

*The bishop or priest says*

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

*People*

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| **I will, with God’s help.**  **Through God’s grace, I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**  **I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.**  **I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbour as myself.**  **I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**  **I will strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.** |

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The bishop or priest stands by the water for baptism, and says*

The Lord is here.

Kei konei te Ariki.

*People*

**God’s Spirit is with us.**

**Kei a mātou te Wairua o te Atua.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Kia whakapai tātou ki tō tātou Ariki ki te Atua.

*People*

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

**He mea tika ki te whakapai ki a ia.**

*The bishop or priest prays*

We thank you God for your love in all creation,

especially for your gift of water

to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant

with your people Israel;

through the Red Sea waters

you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan

your Son was baptised by John

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death

Jesus fulfilled his baptism.

He died to set us free

and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.

It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit

and with fire.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

We thank you that through the waters of baptism

you cleanse us,

renew us by your Spirit

and raise us to new life.

In the new covenant

we are made members of your Church

and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit,

fulfil once more your promises

in this water of rebirth,

set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,**

**thanksgiving and honour,**

**power and might,**

**be to our God for ever and ever.**

**Amen!**

*The bishop may then consecrate oil, using the prayer on page xxx above.*

**The Baptism**

*The bishop or priest baptises each candidate for baptism, either by immersion in the water, or by pouring water on the candidate, saying*

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| *[ Name ]*,  I baptise you  in the name of the Father,  and of the Son,  and of the Holy Spirit. | *[ Ingoa ]*,  he iri-iri tēnei nāku i a koe,  i runga i te ingoa o te Matua,  te Tama,  me te Wairua Tapu. |
| **Amen.**  **God receives you by baptism**  **into the Church.**  **Child of God,**  **blessed in the Spirit,**  **welcome**  **to the family of Christ.** | **Āmine.**  **Kua tohia koe e te Atua,**  **ki roto i tāna kāhui**  **he tamaiti māna,**  **i roto i te Wairua.**  **Nāu mai, haere mai,**  **ki te whānau a te Ariki.** |

*When this action has been competed for all the candidates, the bishop or priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prayers over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit

you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin,

and have raised *them* to the new life of grace.

Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,

the courage to will and to persevere,

a spirit to know and to love you,

and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*An alternative to this prayer is found on page xx*

*Then the bishop or priest places a hand on the head of each of the baptised, marking the forehead with the sign of the cross, preferably using blessed oil, saying to each one*

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| *N.,* you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever.  *People*  **Amen.** |

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| *The bishop or priest says to the congregation*  As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism and will share with *N* what we ourselves have received: a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God, a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey.  *The bishop or priest then says to the child*  *N*, you are now a pilgrim with us.  As a member of Christ’s body, the Church,  may you grow in the Holy Spirit,  fulfil your ministry  and follow Christ your whole life long.  *The bishop or priest then blesses the family*  God bless you with wisdom and love,  may this child find in you, your homes and families,  Christ’s love and understanding.  Amen.  *The bishop or priest, with the people, prays*  God of love,  **we thank you for our calling to be disciples of Christ.**  **Help us to nurture *this child***  **in the faith we share.**  **May *s/he* grow to love, worship and serve you,**  **and bring life to the world.   Amen.**  *The parent(s) and godparents return to their places with their children.* |

*The service continues but* ***The Creed*** *is not said again.*

*At the end of the service*

**The Dismissal of the Community**

**The Blessing**

*A general blessing or one appropriate to the Baptism may be given.*

**Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*A lighted candle may be given by a representative of the congregation to each of the newly baptised, who says*

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| Walk in the faith of Christ | Takahia te ara, i roto i te  whakapono o te Karaiti |
| crucified and risen. | i rīpekatia nei, i ara ake  i te mate. |
| *People*  **Shine with the light of Christ in the world**  **To the glory of God the Father.** | *Te katoa*  **Tīaho i roto i te māramatanga**  **o te Karaiti i te ao kia whakakorōriatia te Atua Matua.** |

*The congregation is sent out with these words.*

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te

ngākau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

**Āmine. Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.**

*Or*

*The service may continue with The Sermon or The Prayers of the People, but The Creed is not said again.*

*The Giving of a Lighted Candle to the newly baptised would take place at the end of the service.*

*Or*

*The service may continue with The Lord’s Prayer in one of the following forms*

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.    Amen.**

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,

ka inoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

**ki runga ki te whenua,**

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āianei**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,**

**Āke ake ake.    Āmine.**

*Other prayers may follow, concluding with a blessing.*

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I present *N.* to be baptised and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

*The bishop or priest says*

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ’s resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you,

in the name of Jesus the Christ

for the forgiveness of your sins,

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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and to all who are far away, everyone whom

the Lord our God may call.’

*( Names )*   How do you respond to this promise?

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| *Each candidate for baptism replies* |
| I hear God’s call and come for baptism. |

*The bishop or priest says to the candidates*

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

*The candidates reply*

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*The bishop or priest says*

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freedom and life?

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| In faith I turn to Christ,  my way, my truth, my life. |

*People* **May God keep you in the way you have chosen.**

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*People*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

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Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

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*The bishop or priest may say to each candidate for baptism*

*N,* is this your faith?

*Each candidate answers in their own words, or*

**This is my faith.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The bishop or priest stands by the water for baptism, and says*

The Lord is here.

Kei konei te Ariki.

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**God’s Spirit is with us.**

**Kei a mātou te Wairua o te Atua.**

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*The service continues but* ***The Creed*** *is not said again.*

*During* ***The Peace*** *the newly baptised may be greeted by the congregation.*

*At the end of the service*

**The Dismissal of the Community**

**The Blessing**

*A general blessing or one appropriate to the Baptism may be given.*

**Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*A lighted candle may be given by a representative of the congregation to each of the newly baptised, who says*

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| Walk in the faith of Christ | Takahia te ara, i roto i te  whakapono o te Karaiti |
| crucified and risen. | i rīpekatia nei, i ara ake  i te mate. |
| *People*  **Shine with the light of Christ in the world**  **To the glory of God the Father.** | *Te katoa*  **Tīaho i roto i te māramatanga**  **o te Karaiti i te ao kia whakakorōriatia te Atua Matua.** |

*The congregation is sent out with these words.*

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te

ngākau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

**Āmine. Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.**

*Or*

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As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.    Amen.**

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,

ka inoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

**ki runga ki te whenua,**

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āianei**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,**

**Āke ake ake.    Āmine.**

*Other prayers may follow, concluding with a blessing.*

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**Additional Directions**

*Baptisms normally take place in the context of the Eucharist or Morning or Evening Worship. On other occasions, the bishop or priest shall choose a suitable introduction for worship, which shall include a New Testament lesson, and the service shall conclude with prayers, including the Lord’s Prayer and a blessing.*

*The bishop or priest may use* ***The Readings*** *appointed for the day in place of some or all of the following.*

***Sentence, Prayer and Readings for the Baptismal Liturgy***

**SENTENCE**

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

*Ezekiel 36:26*

*Or*

St Paul said: I implore you by God’s mercy to offer your very selves as a living sacrifice dedicated and fit for God’s acceptance, the worship offered by heart and mind. *Romans12:1*

**COLLECT**, *one of the following may be used*

God of grace,

by the power of the Holy Spirit

you have given us new life in the waters of baptism;

strengthen us to live in righteousness and true holiness,

that we may grow into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Almighty God,

grant that we your servants

may never be ashamed

to confess the faith of Christ crucified,

but continue his faithful servants

to our lives’ end. **Amen.**

Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in your name,

that we may turn to good

whatever lies ahead.

Give us passion, give us fire;

make us transform the world from what it is,

to what you have created it to be. **Amen.**

Eternal God,

you have given us one baptism

for the remission of sins;

grant that we who are born of water and the Spirit

and made members of Christ,

may be one in inward faith and outward service;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**READINGS**

*Old Testament*

**Baptism**

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| Exodus 14:21-29 | God saves by water |
| Isaiah 44:1-5 | Water on the thirsty land |
| Ezekiel 36:22-28 | A new heart and a new spirit |

*New Testament or Epistle*

**For all occasions**

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| Acts 2:14-47 | The first Christians |

*Some verses may be omitted*

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| Romans 6:3-11 | New life in Christ |
| Romans 8:11-17 | The spirit of adoption |
| Romans 12:1-13 | Renewed service |
| 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 | Baptised by one spirit into one body |
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| Ephesians 6:10-20 | The armour of Christ |
| 1 Peter 2:4-10 | A chosen people |
| 1 Peter 3:13-22 | Baptism and Christian living |

*Gospel*

**Baptism**

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| Mark 1:1-11 | The Baptism of Jesus |
| Mark 10:13-16 | Jesus blesses the children |
| John 3:1-8 | Born of water and spirit |

***Alternative Prayer after Baptism***

*The following prayer may be used as an alternative to “Heavenly Father …” on page xx*

God of mercy and love,

new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,

a gift that none can take away;

grant that your servants may grow

into the fulness of the stature of Christ.

Fill them with the joy of your presence.

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,

the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

E te Atua o te aroha noa,

nāu i whakarite te wai hei tohu whānau hou,

e kore nei e taea te wewete.

Tukua kia tipu āu pononga ki te tino kaumātuatanga

e tutuki ai i tō te Karaiti,

kia hari tonu ai ki roto i a koe.

Kia hira ake ai ki roto i a rātou

ngā hua o te Wairua:

arā te wairua mātau, mārama hoki,

te wairua aroha, humārie, ngāwari,

he wairua hari me te tapu pono.

***Records***

*Records of the Baptisms shall be kept by the Church and a copy handed to the candidates.*

This liturgy would be printed in the **Pastoral Liturgies** section of the prayer book immediately following the liturgy for the **Reconciliation of a Penitent**.

*The Liturgy for*

*The Laying on of Hands*

*for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception*

*From the earliest times the role of the Bishop has been central to nurturing the life of the Church.  Likewise, the liturgical laying on of hands has been a part of the church’s ritual from the beginning.*

*This liturgy addresses the desire of individuals for opportunities to acknowledge their faith and connection to the church. In particular it incorporates the themes of:*

* *Affirmation of faith and taking personal ownership of the commitments made by others at baptism.*

* *Strengthening for the life of Christian mission.*

* *Renewal of faith and commitment.*

* *Reception into the whanau of the Anglican church, both locally and throughout the world.*

* *Episcopal action and responsibility.*

*Not every aspect of this liturgy will be required in every instance.*

***Affirmation*** *is intended as a repeatable opportunity to affirm commitments previously made.*

***Renewal*** *is particularly suited to those wishing to mark a return to church and faith – it is a welcome home of sorts.*

***Reception*** *recognises that there are those, particularly coming from other faiths or denominations, who wish to acknowledge their new home within Anglicanism.*

*In each case the goal is to meet the pastoral needs of those who put themselves forward. Ultimately it is the task of the Bishop to call together the church. Accordingly, whenever the Bishop gathers with the people the Laying on of Hands may be used to encourage, renew and strengthen the People of God as they follow Christ.*

*The Liturgy for*

*The Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception*

*The liturgy takes place when the Church meets for the Eucharist or another service of worship.*

*Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception follows the proclamation of the Word, and in the context of a celebration of the Holy Eucharist is prior to* ***The Peace.***

*In special circumstances the bishop or priest shall provide a suitable introduction to this liturgy.*

**God’s Call**

*The bishop or priest says*

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,

God is love, God gives us life.

We love because God first loves us.

In baptism God declares that love;

in Christ God calls us to respond.

**The Presentation**

**for the Laying on of Hands**

**for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception**

*The bishop stands before the congregation.*

*All who come to affirm their faith and receive the laying on of hands by the bishop are brought forward and presented to the bishop with these words*

Bishop *N*, I present *N* to affirm their faith.

*The bishop shall then say*

*N*, we welcome you as you come to affirm your faith.

Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer,

to strengthen you for the work of God’s kingdom.

**The Affirmation**

*The congregation and the candidates for laying on of hands, stand to respond in these affirmations.*

Praise to God who has given us life.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, te Kai-hōmai i te ora.

**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

**Kia whakapaingia te Atua, mō tāna oha o te aroha.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, e muru nei i ō tātou hara.

**Blessed be God who sets us free.**

**Kia whakapaingia te Atua, e whakawātea nei i a tātou.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, te ahi kā o te whakapono.

**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

**Kia whakapaingia te Atua, tō mātou kaha,**

**tō mātou tūmanako.**

*The bishop or priest says to all those present who are baptised Christians*

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| Let us, the baptised,  affirm that we renounce evil  and commit our lives to  Christ. | Tātou kua tohia nei,  me whakarere te kino  tahuri pūmau ki a te Karaiti. |

*All respond*

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| **Blessed be God,**  **JESUS IS LORD!** | **Whakapaingia te Atua,**  **KO IHU TE ARIKI!** |

*It may be appropriate for some candidates to give personal witness to their faith at this point.*

*The bishop or priest then says to the candidates for the laying on of hands*

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| What is your faith? | He aha tō whakapono? |

*They respond*

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| --- | --- |
| I believe and trust in  God the Father,  maker and sustainer  of all things;  and in God the Son,  my Saviour Jesus Christ;  and in God the Holy Spirit,  giver of life and truth.  This is my faith. | E whakapono ana ahau  ki te Atua, te Matua,  te Kai-hanga  o ngā mea katou,  ki te Atua, te Tama,  taku Kai-hoko, a Ihu Karaiti,  ki te Atua, te Wairua Tapu,  te Kai-hōmai i te ora me te tika.  Ko tēnei tāku whakapono. |

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

*The bishop or priest says*

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

*People*

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**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.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

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*The bishop or priest says*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*Or*

*The bishop or priest says*

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you re-commit yourself to this life?

*People*

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| **I will, with God’s help.**  **Through God’s grace, I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**  **I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.**  **I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbour as myself.**  **I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**  **I will strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.** |

**The Laying on of Hands**

*The candidates being conveniently placed, the bishop continues*

Let us pray for *these* who *have* declared *their* commitment to Christ’s service.

*Silence*

*The bishop and people say responsively*

Our help is in the name of the eternal God

Ko te Ingoa o te Atua ora tonu, tō tātou oranga,

**who is making the heavens and the earth.**

**Te Kai-hanga i te rangi, i te whenua.**

Come Holy Spirit

Haere mai, e te Wairua Tapu

**bearing your gifts of grace**

**ūhia mai tōu aroha noa.**

*The bishop prays*

Almighty God,

we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself,

and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit

you have bound us to your service.

Renew in *these* your *servants*

the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism.

Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit

to perform the service you set before *them*;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

*The bishop lays hand(s) on each candidate in silence and then prays.*

FOR AFFIRMATION OR RENEWAL

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| Creator Spirit,  Rekindle in *N* your gifts of grace,  renew and strengthen *her/his*  life in Christ  and bring to completion  all that your calling has begun. | E te Wairua Kai-hanga,  Whakaohooho i roto i a *Ingoa*  ngā manaakitanga  o tāu aroha noa,  kia pūmau ai te mahi, te aroha,  i ngā ara a te Karaiti. |
| Guide, protect, uphold  *her/him*  that *s/he* may continue  yours forever.  Amen. | Ārahina, tautokona,  tiakina ia  kia ū tonu ai ki a koe,  ake tonu atu.  Korōria ki te Atua. |

FOR RECEPTION

*N.,* we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the whānau of the Anglican Church.

Creator Spirit,

rekindle in *N* your gifts of grace,

renew *her/his* life in Christ

and bring to completion

all that your calling has begun.

Amen.

*At the conclusion of the laying on of hands for all the candidates,*

*the bishop prays*

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| Living God,  empower your disciples  to bring life to the world. | Te Atua ora tonu,  tukua mai tōu mana  ki āu pononga  hei mau i te ora ki te ao. |

*The people respond*

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| **Amen!**  **May we and they together**  **be found in Christ**  **and Christ in us.** | **Āmine!**  **Ko tātou katou ka kitea**  **i roto i te Karaiti**  **me ia hoki i roto i a tātou.** |

*The service continues but* ***The Creed*** *is not said again.*

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Everloving God,

We thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith

With all who have been baptised into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

And so make us ready for that day

When the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,

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grant that we your servants

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| Exodus 3:1-2 | The Call to Moses |
| Joshua 24:14-24 | Choosing to serve God |
| Jeremiah 1:4-8 | The prophet’s call |
| Jeremiah 31:31-34 | The new covenant |

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*Gospel*

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