

Prayer Book Notes

- *Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church*
- *the bond of Baptism is indissoluble*
- *it is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, Pentecost, All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday after the Epiphany, and the Bishop's Visitation*
- *sponsors commit to bring the child up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is a joyous event! It is one in which we celebrate God's love and grace, by which he adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.

Does Baptism Cost?

As a sacrament of the Church, there is no fee for the service of Baptism. The real cost at Baptism is our Lord's sacrifice – one in which the baptized participates.

It is customary for the baptismal family to make a thank offering for the event to the Church or Discretionary Fund.

A Theology of Baptism

We recall the Words of the Risen Christ on Easter Day commanding His disciples to "Go therefore and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." So it is with joyful obedience we baptize those who come to the Lord in faith!

Baptism has often been described as the "Sacrament of Inclusion." Much more than simply a family tradition, the sacrament of Baptism both welcomes the newly baptized into the Kingdom of God as well as the earthly community of Christ Episcopal Church.

In the initiating work of Baptism, those baptized enter into a lifelong process of repentance and conversion -- growing in His grace and love.



Details about Baptism at Christ Episcopal Church

- Baptism is available for adults, children and infants
- for infant or child Baptism, at least one parent or guardian must be an active member of Christ Episcopal Church
- the date for Baptism is approved after the family has attended Baptism preparation classes and met with the priest

Christ Episcopal Church

At Christ Episcopal Church, we celebrate the love of God made manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as members of the Christian family and the Anglican Communion.

Our community of 400 people gathered from around the world is inspired to be part of a faithful tradition that reaches back over 200 years to the earlier days of Columbia and Queen Caroline Parish.

Baptism Application

(complete to the best of your ability and return/mail to the parish office)

Desired Date of Baptism _____

8 a.m. 10:30a.m. Other

Full name of person to be baptized

Date of birth _____

Age _____ Male Female

Place of birth (city/state)

Full name of Father

Current member of Christ Episcopal Church? Yes No

Full name of Mother *(including maiden name)*

Current member of Christ Episcopal Church?

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Email _____

Name of Godparent(s)/sponsor(s)

1) _____

2) _____

Who We Are

Christ Episcopal Church is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. We are part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. This Communion offers a rich tradition of being both Catholic, meaning true to the universal historic Christian faith – and Protestant, meaning reformed and evangelical in its theology.

We encourage you to visit www.episcopalmaryland.org to learn more about the Diocese of Maryland, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Sunday Services

8:00am Spoken with Holy Eucharist

9:30am Sunday school and Adult Forum

Nursery provided

10:30am Holy Eucharist with Choir

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