

Baptism Service

God's Call

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

We present Amanda to be baptised and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

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.
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.'

Amanda: How do you respond to this promise?

I hear God's call and ask for baptism.

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

I renounce all evil.

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

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

Amanda, what is your faith?

**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.**

All: May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The Baptism

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 that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us,
renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.

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!**

Amanda

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God receives you by baptism into the Church.
Daughter of God, blessed in the Spirit,
welcome to the family of Christ.

We sign you with the cross,
the sign of Christ.

A lighted candle and other tokens are presented to Amanda

**Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.
Shine with the light of Christ.**

The Affirmation

Praise to God who has given us life.
Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.
Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.
Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Amanda, you are now a pilgrim with us.
May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfil your ministry
and follow Christ your whole life long.