

# **SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

January 12, 2025

*Violet Nichole Montoya Ochoa*

*Cameron William James McFarling*

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

*Parents, Sponsors and/or Godparents:*

I present Violet Nichole Montoya Ochoa to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Cameron William James McFarling to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents, Sponsors and/or Godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents, Sponsors and/or Godparents:*

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents, Sponsors and/or Godparents:*

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents, sponsors and/or godparents who on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Violet and Cameron in their lives in Christ?

**People** We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with Violet, Cameron, and those who are supporting them in committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

**People** I will, with God's help.

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

**People** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation:

Let us now pray for Violet and Cameron who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Please stand as the Deacon leads the following petitions during the procession to the Baptismal Font.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant says:*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Violet, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Cameron, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, 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.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Violet, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Cameron, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The clergy, parents, sponsors and/or godparents then proceed to the front of the Sanctuary, and the Priest says to the congregation:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People then say:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, and proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.