

Baptism
Tyler Evans
Date _____

We are gathered here today to celebrate the baptism of Tyler Evans, born on _____. An infant baptism signifies to the family community the inclusion of the infant within the community, and to provide for him the teachings he needs in order to mature his faith in God and grow his spiritual understanding. Part of the command of Christ was to go into all the world and baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism occurs initially during infancy, though a person may be baptized at any age. At infancy, the parents publicly declare their faith, and they declare that they want to bring their child up within the principles taught by Jesus Christ. When an infant is baptized, it means that the family community holds this child in faith until he becomes old enough to make the decision for himself to confirm his faith. Water is used during the ceremony as a symbol for Spirit, acceptance of purification and connection to God. The word Baptism is rooted in the Greek word Baptizo, which means to “immerse.”

Let’s begin with a prayer,

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the blessing of this child, Tyler Evans, in the lives of those here present and for all of those whose lives he will touch.

Together, we are a witness to his purity, innocence, wholeness and the greatness that dwells within him as it comes from You. The Truth

of who he is, is true now and always. As Tyler grows and matures, we will hold the Truth about him and for him regardless of his path or choices. What You created within him will always light his path and ensure his happiness. Thank You, in advance, for guiding his footsteps so they are always strong and steady. Thank You for the harmony and deep loving connection between Tyler and his parents, God parents, Grandparents, and all of his family and friends. Thank you for his continued abundance and that he will lead a prosperous life in all respects. We are committed to being a positive influence in his life and will mindfully surround him with our love and understanding. Thank You for giving us the wisdom and the words to teach him of his capacity for greatness and to remind him frequently of the constancy of Your love. May he be forever blessed. Amen.

To the Parents:

Don and Sherri Evans – Do you publicly declare your faith and intention to raise Tyler with a strong spiritual foundation, based on the loving teachings of Jesus Christ? Will you teach him of the greatness of God’s love for him, that all power dwells within him, to love and forgive others, to accept others without judgment, and to treat himself and others with respect, honor and dignity as are one with him?

To the God-Parents:

Brett and Jennifer – Do you publicly declare your faith and intention to support Tyler by teaching him a strong spiritual foundation, based

on the loving teachings of Jesus Christ? Will you teach him of the greatness of God’s love for him, that all power dwells within him, to love and forgive others, to accept others without judgment, and to treat himself and others with the respect, honor, and dignity, as they are one with him?

To Tyler’s Family and Friends:

Do you publicly declare your faith and intention to support Tyler by teaching him a strong spiritual foundation, based on the loving teachings of Jesus Christ? Will you teach him of the greatness of God’s love for him, that all power dwells within him, to love and forgive others, to accept others without judgment, and to treat himself and others with the respect, honor, and dignity, as they are one with him?

Through the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” After his resurrection he told his disciples: “Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Blessing of the Water

Dear God, (Minister to place hand over water)

Thank You for making this water Holy for use in baptism. This water represents symbolically the water of the Spirit, the eternal nature of

our Divine essence and innocence. Would everyone please take a moment to hold a prayer for Tyler in your heart, along with a special wish for him in his life? This might be a wish for happiness, abundance, to know his true power, to know great companionship, laughter, or whatever you would like to bless him with. Take the time you need. I will send this water around for each of you to bless and to send your prayers and loving wishes along to Tyler.

Passing of the Water

In Corinthians 12: verses 12-13, it says

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body— whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

In Galatians 3: verses 26-29, it says

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ If you belong to Christ then you are Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise.

In Ephesians 4: verses 1-6, it says

I urge you to live worthy of the calling you have received.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another

in love.³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.⁴ There is only one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all through all in all.

In Matthew 28: verses 18-30, it says

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age.”

Heavenly Father,

You have called your child, Tyler Evans, to be blessed this day, that he may always know Your Love, Your blessing, and his Divine inheritance as it comes from You.

Tyler,

(Pour water over the back of baby's head)

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Today, on (date) _____, we celebrate the baptism of Tyler Evans. Thank You Father, that this child will be forever blessed in oneness with You. Amen