

Episcopal Church

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The Sacraments

The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Baptism

At Baptism it is required that we renounce Satan, repent of our sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Infants are baptized so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God. Promises are made for them by their parents and sponsors, who guarantee that the infants will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him.

The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is called the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion; it is also known as the Divine Liturgy, the Mass, and the Great Offering...The benefits we receive are the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life.

The Creeds

The creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God. This Church uses two creeds: The Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

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Holy Baptism

Q. Why then are infants baptized?

A. Infants are baptized so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God.

Q. How are the promises for infants made and carried out?

A. Promises are made for them by their parents and sponsors, who guarantee that the infants will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him.

The Holy Eucharist

Q. What are the benefits which we receive in the Lord's Supper?

A. The benefits we receive are the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life.

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The Method of Baptism

In accordance with The Episcopal Church, at St. John's we typically offer Holy Baptism at the celebrations of Easter, Pentecost, All Saints, the Baptism of Christ and other liturgically appropriate times of the year. Baptism can be offered at other appropriate times, based on personal need, and at the discretion of the priest. Baptism in the Episcopal Church is by immersion or effusion (pouring). Baptism is administered with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptisms administered by another communion or denomination are recognized as valid if the criteria of ministry with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity were observed.

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XI. Of the Justification of Man.

We are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by Faith only, is a most wholesome Doctrine, and very full of comfort, as more largely is expressed in the Homily of Justification.

XXVII. Of Baptism.

The Baptism of young Children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.