

heaven (as we read in the last Chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel) he gave command to his disciples, saying, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature: He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned. Which also sheweth unto us the great benefit we reap thereby. For which cause Saint Peter the Apostle, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? replied and said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost: For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. For (as the same Apostle testifieth in another place) even Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will favourably receive *these* present persons, truly repenting and coming unto him by faith; that he will grant *them* remission of *their* sins, and bestow

upon *them* the Holy Ghost; that he will give *them* the blessing of eternal life, and make *them* partakers of his everlasting kingdom,

Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards *these persons*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say,

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee; Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore: Give thy holy Spirit to *these persons*, that *they* may be born again, and be made heirs of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Priest shall speak to the Persons to be baptized on this wise:*

WELL-beloved, *who* are come hither desiring to receive holy Baptism, *ye* have heard how the congregation hath prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, to release you of your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. *Ye* have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his holy Word to grant all those things that we have prayed

for; which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore after this promise made by Christ, *ye* must also faithfully for your part promise in the presence of these your Witnesses, and this whole Congregation, that *ye* will renounce the devil and all his works; and constantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his Commandments.

¶ *Then shall the Priest demand of each of the Persons to be baptized severally, these Questions following.*

Quest. **D**OST thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Ans. I renounce them all.

Quest. **D**OST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin *Mary*; that he suffered under *Pontius Pilate*, was crucified, dead and buried; that he went down into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again at the end

of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Remission of sins; the Resurrection of the flesh; and everlasting life after death?

Ans. All this I stedfastly believe.

Quest. **W**ILT thou be baptized in this faith?

Ans. That is my desire.

Quest. **W**ILT thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will endeavour so to do, God being my helper.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

O Merciful God, grant that the old Adam in *these persons* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in them. Amen.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. Amen.

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that *they* being here dedicated to thee by our Office, and Ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.