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## Baptism Ceremony for Mila Jame DiStefano



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Pastor: Rev. Althea Albright

## **Good morning and Welcome...**

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, we gather today with the family of Mila Jame DiStefano, who have brought her to be baptized.

Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray... **O God, again and again in ages past you showed your mercy and grace to children. You saved the infant Moses from death with the help of his mother and sister. As you blessed Joseph and Mary and the Child Jesus, bless also the families, that they may care for this child entrusted to them, bring them to baptism and to the bread and cup of blessing, and help them mature in faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God brings you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and calls you to the waters of baptism.

## **BAPTISMAL SERVICE**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

### **Family: We present Mila for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mila baptized into Christ? **I do.**

As you bring Mila, to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**  
Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Mila in the Christian faith as you  
are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of  
baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Mila and pray for her in his  
new life in Christ? **We do.**

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God, the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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. Amen**

Pastor: God brings you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and calls  
you to the waters of baptism.



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

Mila, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Let us pray together.... **We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.**

**Sustain Mila with the gift of your Holy Spirit:**

**the spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

**the spirit of counsel and might,**

**the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,**

**the spirit of joy in your presence,**

**both now and forever. Amen.**

Mila, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**