

**The Worship-Shaped Life:  
Spiritual Practices in Anglican Worship:  
Baptism**

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**Article XXVII of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion**

Baptism is *not only a sign of profession and mark of difference* whereby Christian men are discerned from other that be not christened, but is also *a sign of Regeneration or new Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of the forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God, by the Holy Ghost are visibly signed and sealed; faith is confirmed, and grace increased* by virtue of prayer unto God. The baptism of young children is in any wise to be retained in the Church as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

**Scripture:**

**The Baptism of our Lord: Matt 3:16-17** As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**John 3:5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit

**Romans 6:3-4** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

**I Cor 12:13:** For we were all baptized by<sup>l</sup> 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.

**Genesis 17:10–11:** Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

**Col 2:11:** In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**1 Cor. 6:11:** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**Ephesians 1:13:** In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

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“Do you here in the presence of God and the church renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them”?