

Infant Baptism

A ceremony that welcomes a child to the Christian community and the parents able to thank God for their baby.

• Water - to wash away Original Sin.

• "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

• Cross on forehead - to remain Faithful to Jesus.

• Promises made to bring the child up in the Christian faith.

• Candle lit - Jesus the light of the world - child receives this.



Believers Baptism

It's initiation into the Church, by full immersion into water, of people old enough to understand the ceremony.

• White clothes - new life / beginning.

• Candidates asked if they are truly sorry for sins & dedicated to living their lives through Jesus.

• Give a testimony of their faith.

• Full immersion symbolises the end of the life of sin and a new life beginning as they come out.



Sacraments

An outward sign of an inward grace. A deeper reality than the senses: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Ordination, Reconciliation, Anointing the sick, Marriage.

• Holy Communion

• Ordination



• Eucharist (Thanks giving)

• Lords Supper

• Holy Communion

• The Breaking of Bread

• Mass

• The Liturgy

Key features:

• Connection to the Last Supper

• Using Jesus' words from the last supper



Transubstantiation

Roman Catholics - bread & wine actually become the body & blood of Christ.

Memorialism

Ceremony - an expression of faith. Symbolic of Jesus' body and blood.

Catholic Mass

• Bible & psalms readings

• Bread & wine of the altar.

• Jesus' words repeated.

• Lord's Prayer said.

• Sign of peace - people shaking hands.

• People receive the bread & wine & blessed by Priest.

Holy Communion in the United Reformed Church.

• Hymns & various prayers.

• Bible Readings & a sermon.

• Minister repeats the words of Jesus.

• 'Open table' for anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion.

• Ends with a prayer of thanks.