

# THE BAPTISM OF DELIA SOFIA ARTEAGA

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Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into his community, we celebrate the presence of children within this community of faith and offer to children the sacrament of baptism.

As we invite Delia Sofia Arteaga and her parents to come forward today and celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we acknowledge the diverse religious traditions represented in her family.

Fully respecting the diversity of the community gathered, we affirm the love of God made known in this child and the sacredness of the covenant shared between this child, her parents, and this congregation to support her as she lives and grows in faith.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sarah and Rigo, do you desire to have Delia baptized into this Christian community?

And will you, Delia's parents, godparents and family, encourage her to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with her God? If so, please say, "We will, with God's help"

Will you foster in Delia an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for diverse religious traditions?

Will you teach Delia to honor the faith questions that belong to her throughout her life?

Will you journey with her to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day?

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child being baptized as she lives and grows in this Christian community?

People: **We promise our love, support and care.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Do you put your trust in God  
The Source and Ground of being

People: **I trust in God.**

Celebrant: Do you put your trust in the Christ  
the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church?

People: **I trust in the Christ.**

Celebrant Do you put your trust in the Spirit  
the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life?

People **I trust in the Spirit.**

Celebrant Will you continue in spiritual practices that nourish your spirit and bless the community of faith?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you are lost, burdened, or in the wrong, accept God's invitation to begin again?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the love of God, present and at work in every time and place?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you respect the dignity of creation, always seeing the spark of the Christ in all sentient beings and serving the well-being of the great community of living beings?

People **I will, with God's help.**

## BAPTISMAL PRAYER

### ACT OF BAPTISM

By what name will this child be called?

I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.  
May the Spirit be upon you,  
child of God,  
disciple of Christ,  
and member of the Christian church.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of wonder and grace,  
we thank you for your love revealed here this day  
as this community, these parents, and this child  
come together making covenant promises.**

**We pray that we, the members and friends of Church on the Square, will have the grace to uphold  
the promises made here this day, providing a safe shelter of your love in which this child may  
grow and play.**

**We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so  
transparent here today.**

**We pray that this child will bask in your love as she makes her own journey through this life.  
Amen.**