

**PRAYER & INVOCATION**

**P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Heavenly Father,

**C** we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**HYMN: FATHER WELCOMES**

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*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

**REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM**

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and His people acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**C** Yes, I do.

**P** Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**C** I do, by the power and grace of God.

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in the gift of Baptism given to us through Jesus Christ. May He who has begun a good work in us, bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

**P** In Baptism we are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all our sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

### HYMN: GLORY TO GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE

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1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized

into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 1:4-11*

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

<sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN: GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT**

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

**TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**C** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received the gift of forgiveness of all my sins. I have heard, through Your Word, the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ for me and all people. May Your Word pass from my ear to my heart, from my heart to my lips, and from my lips to the ears of others, so that Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has called you by name, forgiven you all your sins, and has claimed you as His own; strengthen you with His grace and mercy to life everlasting.  
**C** Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN: GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING**

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1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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