

Baptism

Presentation and examination of candidates for baptism

Deacon 1 Will the candidates for baptism and their sponsors come forward. Turn to page one in the baptism booklets.

Deacon 2 *helps get the candidates and their sponsors on the solea.*

Each candidate is introduced separately.

For those candidates who **ARE speaking** for themselves:

Deacon 1 Present your candidate(s) for baptism.

Sponsors *(all sponsors say together)* I present _____ for baptism.

Presider Do you wish to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

For those candidates **NOT speaking** for themselves:

Deacon 1 Present your child for baptism.

Sponsors *(all sponsors say together)* I present _____ for baptism.

Presider The Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into friendship with God and walk with them in the way of Christ?

Sponsors I will.

Presider In baptism these children
begin their journey in faith.
Will you care for them,
and help them to take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Sponsors I will.

To the whole congregation:

Presider Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism Jesus is calling us all
to follow in his way of loving service.
People of God, will you welcome
these *children* / **candidates** (this *child* / **candidate**)
and uphold them (him / her) in their (his / her)
life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider In baptism, God calls us into his marvelous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new
life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you embrace Christ's love?

People I embrace Christ's love.

Presider Do you accept God's forgiveness?

People I accept God's forgiveness.

Presider Do you turn away from evil?

People I turn away from evil.

Presider Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and forgive others as you are forgiven?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and action the good news of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over the world, by praying for leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

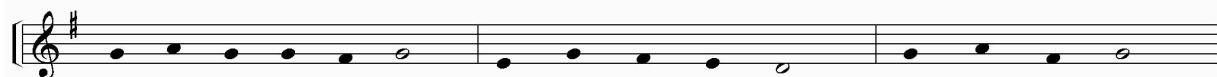
People Amen.

The Prayers at a Baptism

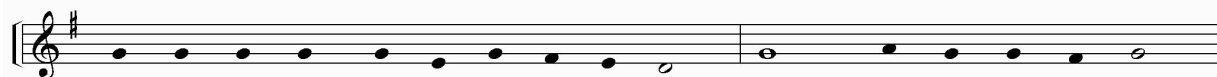
Deacon 2 *steps immediately onto solea, with maniple*

We'll sing the Lord's Prayer found on page 4 in your baptism booklet. After we pray for peace, please add your own prayers and thanksgivings. Listen to each other and look to me for help if more than one person prays at the same time. Keep your place in the book so that we may finish singing together. Please stand and sing page 4.

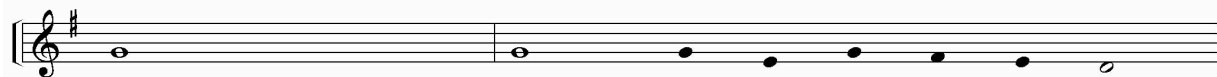
Cantor *leads congregation in singing Lord's Prayer through "and deliver us from evil".*



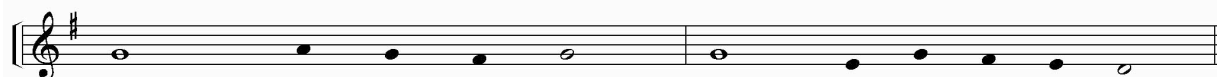
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come,



your will be done on earth and in hea - ven. Give us to - day the bread of life



and for give us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and deliv - er us from e - vil.

Deacon 2 For all God's friends, that we may shine with truth and love so that people everywhere may know God and be drawn to friendship with God, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon 1 For _____, whom we baptize today, that they (he/she) may continually grow in love and friendship with God, growing brighter and brighter as they (he/she) turn(s) into the image that they(he/she) reflect(s), let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon 2 For Marc, our Bishop, Steven our Assistant Bishop, Katherine our Presiding Bishop, Naudal the Bishop of Curitiba, Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Guang-Shun, Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul and David, bishops of China, Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon 2 For peace in the whole world, for peace in _____, and for peace everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Here the congregation adds their own prayers.

Member For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Member In thanksgiving for _____, let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

Presider For salvation and peace for the dead,
and comfort for mourners, let us pray to the Lord.

All *Lord, have mercy.*

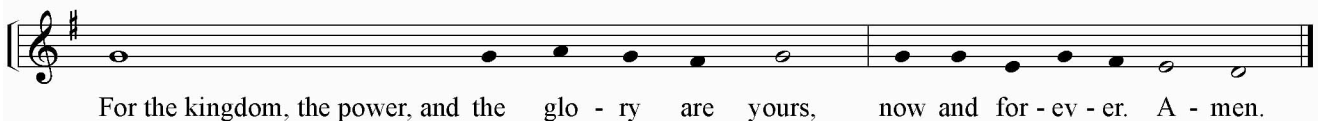
Deacon 2 That God will raise us with Christ out of the death of sin,
and fill our whole lives with the joy of the resurrection, let
us pray to the Lord.

All *Lord, have mercy.*

Deacon 2 That Christ will bring us to share in his wedding feast,
where with Mary, his mother, with Gregory of Nyssa, and
all his saints, we may enjoy his love without end, let us pray
to the Lord.

All *Lord, have mercy.*

Presider God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the spirit is a gift,
a gift none can take away;
grant that your servant(s) may grow
into the fullness of Christ.
Fill *them* with the joy of your presence.
Increase in *them* the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.
We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ...



Tripudium to the Font

Deacon 1 starts speech *immediately* (see below).

Presider (with cross) demonstrates step, then goes to head of the LEFT-most line.

Cantor demonstrates step, then remains on platform to lead step, then joins the end of a line on LEFT.

during the Tripudium:

Congregation begins moving on Cantor's cue

Deacon 1 demonstrates step, then leads a line on LEFT

Deacon 1 steps onto platform

We will go to the font in step, singing (*name of hymn*), found on your colored sheet. Make sure and bring your baptism booklet.

The step is very simple; if you'll look at all of us up here, we will show you how it goes.

Starting on your right foot, go right, left, right, back;

(*demonstrate*)

right, left, right, back;

right left, right, back.

Please place your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you.

_____ (Cantor), will tell us when to step off.

Cantor When we get to the word " _____," please step off on your right foot and start the right, left, right, back pattern.

Cantor leads the Tripudium, cues people to move at the right time, calls for additional stanzas if needed to get everyone to the Font.

Thanksgiving over water

Children assemble close to the font, but not blocking the path.

Deacon 1 helps with children and takes the cross, **D2** holds baptism kit, **D1** holds book for presider to sing from, **assisting presbyters** gather around the font.

Cantor gives tone and starts drone

Presider ♪ The Lord be with you.

People ♪ And also with you.

Presider ♪ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ♪ It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider ♪ We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it your Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

People ♪ AMEN! Come Holy Spirit.

Presider ♪ We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People ♪ AMEN! Come Holy Spirit.

Presider ♪ Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of

your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People ♪ AMEN!

The Baptism & Chrismation

Presider _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People AMEN!

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| <i>Deacon 1</i> hand silver box of chrism to the presider. |
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Presider _____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People AMEN!

Presider Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these your servant(s)* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People AMEN!

The Covenant of Baptism

Presider ♪ Let us join those who have committed themselves to Christ in the Covenant of Baptism.
Do you place your heart and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

People ♪ I place my heart in God.

Presider ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary?
Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and descended to the dead?
Who on the third day rose from death; ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

People ♪ I place my heart in God.

Presider ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Holy Spirit, making the Church holy in every place and gathering the communion of saints?
In the forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

People ♪ I place my heart in God.

Presider ♪ This is the faith of the Church.

All ♪ We place our heart and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Presider lights the Baptism candle.

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We welcome you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim Christ's resurrection,
and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.

Deacon 1 We'll return to the church singing *As many as have been baptized*, page 7 in the Baptism booklet. Please keep moving counter-clockwise around the table until everyone has gathered.

Three times

As man-y as have been bap-tized in - to Christ have put, have put on Christ. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

Presider, Baptized, Sponsors lead Congregation back to Altar-Table.

Deacon 2 goes to the side table to get the bread and wine.

Cantor leads "As Many as Have Been Baptized".

Transfer of the Gifts

D2 & Recruits get gifts from the healing prayer corner, carry them to the table and place them on the table, (wine on left side, bread on right); fill 3 chalices.