

Service of Baptismal Remembrance



1st Week in Lent
27 February 2020

—Please gather at the baptismal font—

Invocation

L Blessed...salvation.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer for Baptism

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

—Follow the procession, filling in the pews from the front to the back of the nave—

Entrance Hymn

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

—sit—

Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Homily

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism

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

C Yes, I do.

Hymn

LSB 594

During the singing of the hymn all are invited to come to the bowl at the front of the nave and remember their baptism. One possible way of remembrance would be to dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross and pray a prayer in thanksgiving for your baptism. Prayers are provided on the back page of the service folder.

—stand if able—

Once all have remembered their baptisms, the two sides of the assembly will face one another across the aisle and sing the baptismal greeting.

Baptismal Greeting

You Have Put on Christ

The assembly will sing the baptismal greeting two times.



Communal Prayers

Communal prayers allow the opportunity for the entire seminary community individually, and yet as one, to intercede for the church, the world, and all those in need. The intercessor will begin the prayers with the first three bids on page 265 and then offer additional bids. Then the assembly is invited to offer bids aloud. Please speak as loudly as possible so that all may hear. The bids are offered in the following fashion:

Intercessor: For. . . let us pray to the Lord;

Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

During the prayers there will be an opportunity to name those who are preparing for or who have recently received baptism, confirmation, or membership in the church. You are encouraged to voice aloud at that time the names of those you know who are preparing for these rites or who have recently experienced them.

Concluding Prayer

assembly prays together

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's name: we implore you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and petitions unto you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained essentially, to the relief of our necessity, and to the proclamation of your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Concluding Collect of the Great Litany)

Blessing

The Servants of the Word

Preacher: Jeffrey Gibbs, Professor

Assistant: Kent Bureson, Dean of the Chapel

Liturgist: Ezra Grabau, 2nd-year Seminarian

Organist: James Marriott, Director of Music Arts

Prayers in Thanksgiving for Baptism

O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name we have been baptized, grant that we may evermore appreciate that inestimable gift. You have called us by name; keep us always as Your own. You have delivered us from the power of the evil one; help us by Your spirit to renounce him day by day. O God, we thank You for our baptism; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

O heavenly Father, who has taught us by Your holy apostle that we are buried with Christ by baptism into death, that just as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life: Grant that we may walk in the new life of our baptism, so that the old Adam in us may be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, together with all sins and evil lusts; and that again a new person may daily come forth and arise; who will live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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