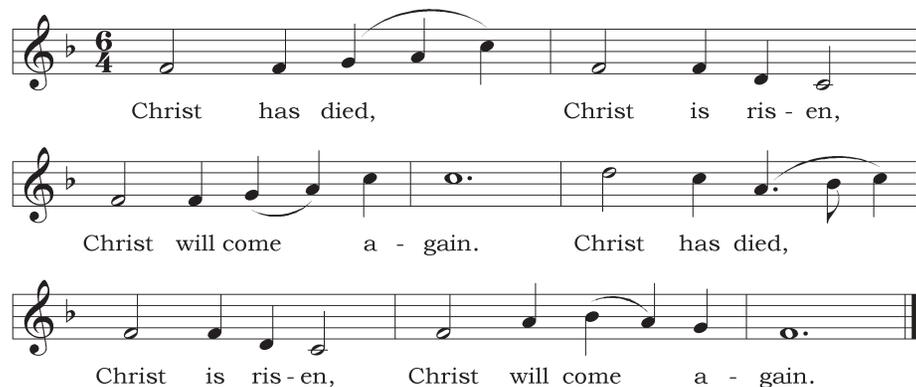


... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died,
Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

*Pastor continues leading the prayer, asking God to pour out
God's Holy Spirit on us and this meal.*

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Introduction

In baptism,

God names us as God's own beloved children;
God promises to be our God
and welcomes us into the family of Christ;
God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us
present to us and at work in us.

The baptism of believers' children especially makes visible
the prevenient nature of grace—
that God reaches out to, and accepts, us
before we reach out to, and accept, God.

At the same time, in baptism,

we acknowledge for ourselves and our children
the gift and claim of God's grace,
and we commit ourselves and our children
to live out of God's grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,
of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Presentation

Who is presented for baptism?

Ashalia Joan and Jaya Allie Ezekiel

Daughters of Bennett and Meisa Ezekiel

Parents' Re-Affirmation of Faith

Because the role of parents and the church is crucial
to a child's experience of grace,

we ask you to re-commit yourselves
to the vows of the baptismal covenant:

Do you re-affirm your renunciation of sin
and your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior,
putting your whole trust in his grace,
and promising to serve him as your Lord,
by loving others as Christ loved you
and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression?

We do.

Do you commit yourself to work for God's reign on earth
through the church, which Christ has opened to all people,
participating actively in its ministries
with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

We do.

Will you nurture your children in Christ's Church,
that by your teaching and example,
they may grow to know the grace of God,
profess their faith in Christ openly,
and live as faithful disciples of Christ's church?

We will.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* Congregation's Response

Do you as Christ's church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture these children in the Christian faith and life,
praying for them, teaching them, and leading them
in acts of service and mission?

We will.

Baptism with the Laying On of Hands

Anointing with Oil

Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in his or her life.

Welcome of the Newly Baptized

Ashalia and Jaya,

**we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!**

**We rejoice to welcome you as our brothers
in the family of Christ.**

Our story is now your story:

**you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you is at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.**

Grow with us in grace,

**confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his royal priesthood.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image

and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,

made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets,

who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes



God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please be seated. Pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.