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Thanksgiving for Baptism

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P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the foundation of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Thanksgiving for Baptism
C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism
C: We praise you for the gift of
water that sustains life, and above
all we praise you for the gift of new
life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with
your Spirit, and renew our lives with
your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to you, O Israel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;

O Sun of justice, now draw near.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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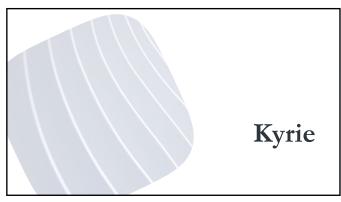
Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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Kyrie

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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Kyrie

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God

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Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

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Glory to God

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-11

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me,

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Philippians 1:3-11

both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to

Philippians 1:3-11

determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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Philippians 1:3-11

R: The word of God. The word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of

Luke 3:1-6

Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

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Luke 3:1-6

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 3:1-6

R: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Kid's Talk & Lighting of Advent Wreath

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

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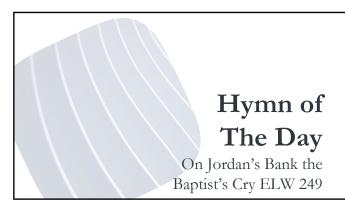
Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.



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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

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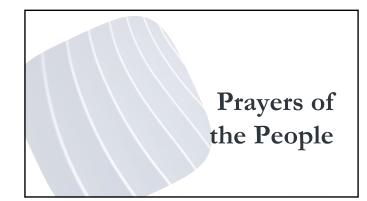
We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,

and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.



Prayers of the People

Gathered as one in the body of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence.)

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Prayers of the People

God of hope, your people are waiting for Christ to come and save the world. We pray that your word will be a light in the darkness and a reminder of your promises to care for and protect all of creation.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People

God of hope, your people are crying out for justice and peace. Make the way straight for those who work to bring comfort to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and food to the hungry.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People

God of hope, your people hunger for love and compassion. Bring us together and fill us with your love so that it may overflow and be a blessing to everyone we meet.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People

(Special prayers offered here)

We pray all these things in the name of the One who is to come,

Amen.

Passing the Peace

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Offering

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Offering Hymn

My Soul Proclaims Your

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My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise! You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

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My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows. With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead; the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure; the promise to our parents made their children will secure.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word, and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

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Offering Prayer

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A: Let us pray.

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C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

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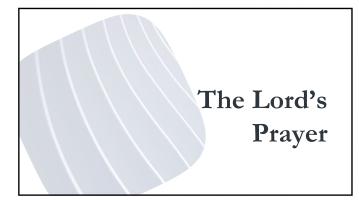
C: Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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The Lord's Prayer
Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.



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Blessed Be the God of Israel

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.

Blessed Be the God of Israel

So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;

Blessed Be the God of Israel

that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise, in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.





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Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

Prayer After Communion

Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

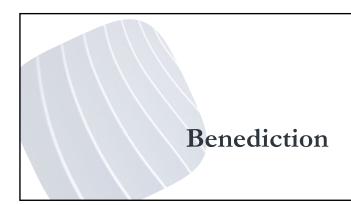
C: Amen.

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Benediction

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, oy of ev'ry longing heart.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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