September 24, 2023

17 Pentecost Communion Service

The Book of Common Prayer, ACNA 2019

The congregational responses are in *bold italic* print. Please join us in saying the responses.

Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

"Know – Grow – Serve!"





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

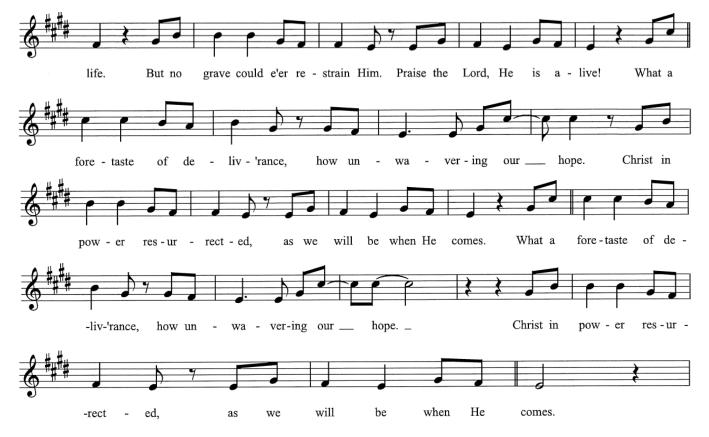
Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Song of Praise Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery





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The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The First Lesson

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 70 (*Please pray responsively by half verse*)

- Hasten, O God, to deliver me; * make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 2. Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my life; * *let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish me evil.*

Genesis 40:1 – 23

- Let them be soon brought to shame * 3. who cry over me, "Aha! Aha!"
- But let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you;* 4. and let all who delight in your salvation say always, "The Lord be praised."
- As for me, I am poor and in misery; * 5. hasten to me, O God.
- You are my helper and my deliverer; * 6. O Lord, do not tarry.

Sequence Hymn

Speak, O Lord, v. 1

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Verse 1

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, all your purposes, for your Glory.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Speak O Lord, v. 2

Verse 2

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

The Good News According to Joseph: "Suffering & Serving"

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Matthew 26:36 – 46

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The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." *The people are encouraged to pray aloud their intercessions and thanksgivings.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. *

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. *

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. *

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service. *

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.* For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life. *

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Hear our prayer.

We remember those that have died in Christ. *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, and the congregation responds: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.** *Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Paisley Brill	9/24	Melissa Jackson	9/26
Benjamin Shackelford	9/25	Sue Hill	9/28

Anniversaries:

Jerry & Tammy Macek	9/26 (26 yrs)
Joe & Beth Iannello	9/28 (21 yrs)
Bob & Cathie Vasko	9/29 (44 yrs)

Question for Week 39

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

(Philippians 4:6)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.

Offertory

Is He Worthy?

Peterson & Shive

The New City Catechism

Verse 1		
Leader:	Do you feel the world is broken?	
Refrain:	We do.	
Leader:	Do you feel the shadows deepen?	
Refrain:	We do.	
Leader:	But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?	
Refrain:	We do.	
Leader:	Do you wish that you could see it all made new?	
Refrain:	We do.	
Verse 2		
Leader:	Is all creation groaning?	
Refrain:	It is.	
Leader:	Is a new creation coming?	
Refrain:	It is.	
Leader:	Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?	
Refrain:	It is.	
Leader:	Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?	
Refrain:	It is.	
Chorus 1 (All Sing)		

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Of all the blessing and honor and glory? Is he worthy of this? He is.

Verse 3

V erse J	
Leader:	Does the Father truly love us?
Refrain:	He does.
Leader:	Does the spirit move among us?
Refrain:	He does.
Leader:	And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves?
Refrain:	He does.
Leader:	Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
Refrain:	He does.

Chorus 2 (All Sing)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy, is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Ending

Is he worthy? Is he worthy? He is. He is.

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Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell, and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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. Alleluia! Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross. Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

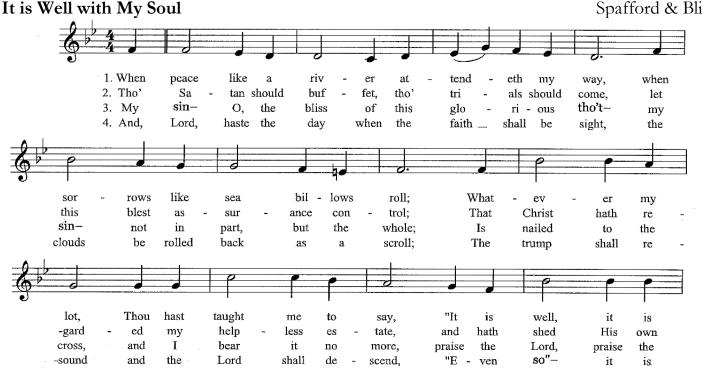
The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music You are My Hiding Place

Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance, Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord. Sing 2x

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Song of Celebration

The Power of the Cross

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Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn, and beaten then, nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,

Crowning your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath, Quakes as its maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,

"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffring I am free.Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The Dismissal Go, in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Matters – Our next Membership Matters seminar will be held on Friday, September 29th, from 7-9 pm and Saturday morning, September 30th, from 9 am to noon in the Hearth Room. Completion of this seminar qualifies you to become a member of Christ Church, but in no way obligates you to join. If you choose to become members, you will be confirmed or received by the Bishop during his next visit. Please contact Gene Sherman at gsherman@christchurchwestshore.com or 440-242-5536.

Garden Ministry Service Day – Please join us on Saturday, September 30th from 9:30 until Noon. We are having a Service Day to do some Fall clean up and plant relocation of the existing flowerbeds around our building. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the whiteboard in the narthex. We will provide yard waste bags but please bring garden gloves and a shovel or rake. Our garden efforts in the Spring made an enormous impact, so let's keep things beautiful this Fall. Contact Marie Tench (216-870-1682) or Leslie Croyle (440-667-1512) with any questions or concerns.

WALK FOR LIFE "Raising the Standard for Life 2023" – Cornerstone Pregnancy Services is having a **Walk for Life fundraiser** on **Saturday, Oct.** 7th beginning at 9:30 am until noon, starting at their offices (364 Griswold Rd., Elyria, OH). The fundraiser includes a 1-1/2-mile walk, worshipping together, refreshments, and more! **CCW Women**, we are forming a CCW Team and looking for volunteers/families to join us. It will be a wonderful opportunity to fellowship, spend time together, enjoy exercise, and meet new people! **We will share one pledge card.** There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the narthex. Add your name and email address if you are planning to join us. Contact Katherine Zawtocki at (704)881-2252 or Iris at (847)-404-6335 with any questions and/or concerns.

Weekend to Remember by Family Life – Calling all couples! No marriage is static. Each day, each choice — you are either moving closer together, toward oneness … or coasting farther apart. At the intersection of a faith-based marriage conference and romantic retreat from everyday life, Weekend to Remember helps couples do just that — choose oneness. Consider attending a couple retreat from October 27th – 29th at Embassy Suites-Cleveland – Rockside, Independence, OH. Get half off the weekend through September 18th, so book quickly! For more information or to register, please visit https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/weekend-overview/. A getaway with a goal: oneness. But hurry, time is running out!

SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 21st – Join us for **Pets & Popcorn** in the Pavilion beginning at 3:00pm. All are invited to stop by with your pets (or no pet) for a blessing and to share popcorn, apple cider and enjoy fellowship time together. This event will be open to the public, so please let your friends, neighbors, and anyone else you can think of know!

Upcoming Women's Koinonia Weekend – Are you feeling spiritually tired? Are things just NOT going right for you? Are you looking for a fresh start in life? Then, come to a Koinonia Weekend and find a personal revival for your soul. The Weekend for the women begins on **October 27th through the 29th** for the women. It all starts on Friday night, at 7:30pm and ends on Sunday night, at 6:30pm. You will be guaranteed to have fun, good food, and be with a loving community where you will find friends that last a lifetime. Contact Bob Drusendahl at (216) 702-4433, for more information.

Sunday, October 29th – Please join Bob Andrew and his family to celebrate Bob's 90th birthday bash after the 10:30 am service in the Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

Friday, November 10-11th – Please join us for the **Revive Weekend** here at Christ Church to bring health, vitality, and growth back into our church led by The Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge. Rev. Mark will also preach on Sunday, November 12th at both services. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

November 13-20, 2023 – Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is right around the corner! The drop off dates here at CCW are 11/13-11/20. Please consider volunteering to assist on these dates for Amy Jackson, who is our coordinator here at Christ Church.

Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ²And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody. ⁵And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" ⁸They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."

⁹So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹²Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you."

²⁰On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

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Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God by Steve & Kim Behm in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary & Sam & Regis' 1st wedding anniversary!

2023 Financials

Through Sunday	09/17/2023
Offerings	
Current Month Budget	\$36,133
Current Month Actual	\$22,954
YTD Budget	\$363,593
YTD Actual	\$363,350
Annual 2023 Budget	\$520,593

Attendance for 9/17/2023

9:00 am − 27

10:30 am - 89

Wednesday - 21

Online — 21

The Order for Holy Baptism

Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer 2019

Paisley Leia Brill September 24, 2023

The congregational responses are in **bold italic** print. Please join us in saying the responses.

Please silence your cell phones.

THE WORD OF GOD

There is one Body and one Spirit, *There is one hope in God's call to us,*

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, *One God and Father of all.*

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God," and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that this Candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this Candidate that which by nature she cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. The Candidate, Parents, and Godparents come to the baptismal font and face the congregation.

I present Paisley Leia Brill to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as she is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. She must come to put his trust in Jesus, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of her soul. When she has embraced all these, having become a disciple of Jesus, she is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that she may claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his Kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this? *Godparents and Sponsoring Parents*

I am, the Lord being my helper.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

The Celebrant shall pray over the Candidate and anoints the Candidate with oil.

Almighty God, deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

Let us join with this candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for this Candidate who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That this child may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That this Candidate may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That she may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which she has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That she may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever she falls into sin, repent, and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That she may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That as a living member of the Body of Christ, she may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, she may run with endurance the race set before her, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon, this, your servant. Wash and sanctify her through your Holy Spirit, that she may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, she may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is just and right so to do.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy 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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

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 made regenerate 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.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue forever faithful 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 for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

Name this child.

PAISLEY LEIA

PAISLEY LEIA, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

PAISLEY LEIA, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful servant to the end of your days. *Amen.*

PAISLEY LEIA, receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received her as your own child by adoption, made her a member of your holy Church, and raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that she may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

The Godparents and Sponsoring Parents may be seated. The Baptismal Candle may be extinguished.

THE COVENANT

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?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? *With the help of God, I will.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself? *With the help of God, I will.*

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Go, in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*