

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?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Those who have recently been baptized or confirmed, or have recently affirmed their baptismal faith, may be invited forward. They may be given the opportunity to give testimony, and may then be presented with a gift.

Prayers of intercession are offered. These should include prayer for those who are preparing for baptism and for those recently baptized. They may end with this or another collect

Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The water may be sprinkled over the people or they may be invited to sign themselves with the cross using the water in the font. The minister says

As we follow the Way of Christ,
we affirm the presence of God among us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(The words in italics may be spoken by a second voice.)

God calls us to share in worship.
*Jesus said, where two are three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.*

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in prayer.
Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the scriptures.
*Jesus met his disciples on the road
and opened the scriptures to them.*

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in communion.
Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in service.
Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the good news.
Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.

All **Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

The service ends either with the peace or with the following blessing said from the font

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**