

Gathering Rite

Procession with the Word

Sing together.

*Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a goin' a trouble the water.*

"Wade in the Water" © 1993, M.D. Ridge.
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Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

Lord, we gather as a people on a journey. Open us to understand your longing and love for us. We give you praise and thanks for the gift of our Baptism and the presence of the Holy Spirit in us.

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

Read Jeremiah 1:4–10.

The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following:

- What does the reference to youth say to you about your own faith journey?

Ask the assembly to share their responses.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Come forward as directed.

Leader: *Heavenly Father, at Baptism, we were joined to you, your Son Jesus Christ, and your Holy Spirit. We were welcomed into the family of the Church. Hear our prayer as we remember our Baptism.*

All: *Amen.*

Renunciation of Sin

Leader: *Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?*

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?*

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?*

All: *I do.*

Profession of Faith

Leader: *Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?*

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord?*

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?*

All: *I do.*

Rite of Christian Initiation, 224–225

Leader sprinkles group with holy water.

Pray the Sign of the Cross as you are sprinkled.

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: *Let us pray.*

The response after each is Hear us, O Lord.

Reader 1: *That with every passing day we come to know Christ more fully, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 2: *That we will be open and generous in our response to this time of preparation, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 3: *That we will find in the Church and among ourselves, signs of unity and unconditional love, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 4: *That we will become more responsive to the needs of others, we pray to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:*

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Loving Father, send your Holy Spirit that we may act as witnesses of faith to those around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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Sing the refrain together.

We believe, we believe, we believe.

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Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

Leader: *Lord, our God, we gather together as a people who believe in you and your promises. Open our hearts to know you more fully and believe in you more fully. Guide us to seek and find you as you continue to reveal yourself to us through your Holy Spirit. We give you praise and thanks for the gift of our faith and the presence of the Holy Spirit in us.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Read Matthew 17:14–21.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following questions:

- What does the Gospel tell us about the power of faith? What image of nature describes your faith today?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Receiving a Candle

Come forward as directed.

Leader: *Heavenly Father, at Baptism, we entered into the faith of the Church. We received the light of Christ. Hear our prayer as we remember our Baptism and seek to deepen our faith. We ask this through your Son, Jesus who lives and reigns forever.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *[Name], receive the light of Christ, walk always as a child of the light, and keep the flame of faith burning and alive in your heart.*

Respond: *I will.*

Leader: *(to all candidates) May you go forth as children of the light.*

Candidates extinguish the candles and return to the assembly.

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: *Let us pray.*

The response after each is Hear us, O Lord.

Reader 1: *That we will come to a deeper appreciation of the faith of our Baptism, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 2: *That God will bless us with open eyes and hearts that will come to believe in him more fully, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 3: *That we will find in this community of faith support and strength to live as children of the light, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 4: *That in faith we will become more responsive to the needs of others, we pray to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:
Pray the Lord's Prayer.*

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Loving Father, we stand before you in faith. Send your Holy Spirit that we may act as witnesses of that faith to those around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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*Come, O Spirit of the Lord,
and renew the face of the earth,
O come, O Spirit of the Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.*

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Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

*Lord, may the Helper, the Spirit who
comes from you, fill our hearts with
light and lead us to all truth as your
Son promised, for he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God
for ever and ever.*

All: *Amen.*

Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.*

Read 1 Corinthians 2:6–13.

The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following question:

- What does “God’s wisdom” mean for you?
How would it help you in your life?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Blessing

Come forward as directed.

Leader: *Extends hands over the group.*
*Father, as your Spirit guides us and
your loving care keeps us safe,
be close to us in your mercy and
listen to those who call on you.*
*Strengthen and protect by your
kindness the faith of all who believe
in you. We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

All: *Amen.*

Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

Leader: *Place hands on the head of each
candidate.*

*[Name], May you be open to the
coming of the fullness of the Holy
Spirit.*

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: *Let us pray.*

The response after each is Come, Holy Spirit.

Reader 1: *That we will come to a deeper
appreciation of the presence of the Holy
Spirit in our lives, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 2: *That the Holy Spirit will enliven and
enlighten us to live as disciples, we pray
to the Lord.*

Reader 3: *That the Holy Spirit will pour out his
courage on young men and women and
raise them up as leaders in the church
and world, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 4: *That the Holy Spirit will bless us with a
wisdom that will allow us to search out
and choose just and fair ways of living
with all our brothers and sisters, we
pray to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:*

Pray the Lord’s Prayer.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Loving Father, we stand before
you in faith. We pray for the fullness of
your Spirit that we may live in your
love. We ask this through Christ our
Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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Sing the refrain together

Go make a difference.

We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

*"Go Make a Difference" lyrics © 1997,
by Steve Angrisano and Thomas N. Tomaszek.*

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

*We gather together to give praise and
thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit
who lives in us and empowers us with
abundant goodness and blessings.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Lord, make us open to the fullness of
the Gifts and Fruits of your Holy Spirit
that we may be signs of your presence
and messengers of your Good News. We
ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Book of the
prophet Isaiah.*

Read Isaiah 11:1–5.

The word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following question:

- What gifts of God's Spirit do you most want for yourself?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Blessing of Candidates

Come forward as directed.

Leader: *[Name], in Baptism you received the
gifts of faith and new life in Christ. We
pray God's blessing on you as you
prepare to share more fully in this life
through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

Candidate: *Amen.*

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: *Let us pray.*

The response after each is Come, Holy Spirit.

Reader 1: *For all young people who are preparing
for Confirmation that they may be
open to growing in God's Spirit.
For the gift of wisdom for ourselves,
for the Church, and for world leaders
that we may come to love the things of
God, we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 2: *For the gift of understanding that we
may come to know the meaning of
God's action and revelation in our lives.
For the gift of right judgment that we
will make choices that will lead us to
grow as God's children, we pray to the
Lord.*

Reader 3: *For the gift of courage to live in the
world as true disciples of Jesus.
For the gift of knowledge that we will
see our lives through God's eyes,
we pray to the Lord.*

Reader 4: *For the gift of reverence that we will
love and worship God and respect all of
God's creation. For the gift of wonder
and awe that we will recognize how
great God is and be in awe of all God's
works, we pray to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:*

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Loving Father, we pray for the
Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may be
witnesses of your Son, Jesus and bring
the Good News to others by our words
and actions. We ask this through
Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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Sing the refrain together.

*Your Spirit, O God, is upon me,
you have anointed me.*

"You Have Anointed Me," © 1981, Damean Music

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

*God of faithful promises, you sent Jesus
to bring us the Good News. With the
help of the Holy Spirit, may we recog-
nize the power of anointing and come
to know that we are called to continue
to serve those in need. May we always
praise you as the God who lives and
reigns forever and ever.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Book of the prophet
Isaiah.*

Read Isaiah 61:1–3a, 6b, 8b–9.

The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following question:

- What does being a part of "a people blessed by God" mean for you as you prepare for Confirmation?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Procession with Oils

Leader: *During Holy Week, our parish commu-
nity received from (Arch)bishop [Name]
the holy oils blessed and consecrated
for the sacramental life of the
community.*

The oil of the sick.

The oil of the sick is brought forward.

Sing a verse of the opening song.

Leader: *By laying hands and anointing with
this oil, and with the prayerful support
of this community, may those who are
sick experience the healing presence of
Christ.*

The oil of catechumens.

The oil of catechumens is brought forward.

Sing a verse of the opening song.

Leader: *Anointed with this oil and assisted by
this community's example, may our
catechumens persevere in their journey
to the saving waters of Baptism and
share in Christ's victory over sin and
the power of evil.*

The oil of chrism.

The oil of chrism is brought forward.

Sing a verse of the opening song.

Leader: *Through the anointing with chrism,
may all who are baptized and
confirmed, all who are ordained to
the service of God's people, and this
assembly whose altar and church are
dedicated to God's glory, fill the world
with the sweet fragrance of Christ's
Gospel and be built up as living stones
into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit.*

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

Pray the Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Father, let the Spirit you sent
on your Church anoint and seal us that
we may preach the Gospel and contin-
ue your work in the world. We ask this
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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Sing together.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

"Litany of the Saints," text © 1973, ICEL

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

God of all creation, we give you praise and thanks for all the holy men and women of every time and place. May they never stop interceding for us and may their prayers bring us closer to you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the First Letter of John.*

Read 1 John 3:13.

The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following question:

- How would you apply the words "we shall be like him" to yourself?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Litany of Saints and Blessing with Incense

Leader: *Let us pray to the saints that we may be able to carry the light of our Baptism into the world around us.*

The response after each is Pray for us.

Saint Ann and Saint Joachim

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Saint Francis of Assisi and

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Saint Monica and Saint Augustine

Blessed Titus Brandsma and

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Ita Ford and Dorothy Day, Servant of God

Venerable Pierre Toussaint and

Blessed Miguel Pro

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Stephen and Saint Agnes

Saint Thomas Aquinas and

Saint Dominic

Add additional favorite saints if you wish.

Leader: *All you holy men and women saints of God.*

All: *Pray for us.*

Leader: *May you, yourselves grow in holiness and goodness and live after the model of Jesus, God's Son.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Incense the group.*

All: *Bow as you are incensed.*

Leader: *Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:*

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Father, let the Spirit you sent on us in Baptism continue to renew us and make us holy that we may draw closer to you and continue your work in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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Sing the refrain together.

*Turn to me, O turn and be saved,
says the Lord, for I am God;
there is no other, none beside me.
I call your name.*

"Turn to Me," Lyrics © 1975, by John B. Foley, SJ
and OCP Publications

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

*Loving God, we often neglect the gifts
of our Baptism and turn from you to
sin. We pray to your Holy Spirit to open
our hearts and change us that your
grace may be renewed in us. In Jesus'
name.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Luke.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Read Luke 22:31–34; 54–62.

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following question:

- How would you feel if you were Peter?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Examination of Conscience and Imposition of Hands

Leader: *Lord, Jesus you redeemed us by your
passion and raised us to new life in
Baptism. Send the Holy Spirit that
we may see our lives anew as we pre-
pare to celebrate the Sacrament
of Confirmation.*

*Use this quiet time, and the questions below, to examine
your conscience.*

*Is my heart set on God above everything else?
Am I faithful to the commandments?*

*Have I been careful to grow in the understanding
of my faith?*

Do I pray every day?

*Do I keep Sundays and feast days holy by
participating at Mass?*

*Do I have a real love for my neighbor, or do I use
people for my own ends?*

*Do I contribute to the well-being and happiness of
my family?*

*Do I share my possessions with the less fortunate?
Am I honest and hard-working?*

*Have I been truthful and fair or have I injured
others?*

*Does my life reflect the mission I received at
Baptism, to walk as a child of light?*

Leader: *God gives us an example of love; even
when we sin he loves us. Let us pray.*

*Respond after each petition with the prayer, Lord have
mercy.*

*Lord, like Peter we have relied on our strength
rather than on grace.*

*Lord, our pride and foolishness have led us into
temptation.*

Lord, we have been vain and self-important.

*Lord, we have been pleased rather than saddened
by the misfortunes of others.*

Lord, we have shown indifference for those in need.

*Lord, we have been afraid to stand up for justice
and truth.*

*Come forward as directed. Leader places hands on the
head of each candidate saying:*

Leader: *[Name], may the Holy Spirit enlighten
and strengthen you to do good and
avoid evil.*

Adapted from Rite of Penance
Appendix II and Appendix III

Leader: *Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:*

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Lord our God, give us the strength to
turn away from our sins and to serve
you in the future with greater love and
devotion. Look on us with love and hear
our prayer.*

All: *Amen.*

Sing again the opening song.

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Sing the refrain together.

*Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
We are the body of Christ.
Hemos oído el llamado;
we've answered "Yes," to the call of the Lord.*

"Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo," lyrics © 1994, by Jaime Cortez.

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Leader: *Let us pray.*

Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

*Loving Father, we are your children.
Through your Son, Jesus we are united
with you and one another as one
family. Through the power of the Holy
Spirit, strengthen us to live out our
mission as your disciples to bring life to
others. We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Read John 6:35–58.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Reflection

Invite the assembly to reflect on the following question:

- What does the image of the Bread of Life suggest to you about your relationship with Jesus?

Ask the assembly to share their responses with one or two other people.

Sharing a Meal

Be seated around the table.

Leader: *Blessed are you almighty Father,
who gives us our daily bread.
Blessed is your only begotten Son,
who continually feeds us with the
word of life.
Blessed is the Holy Spirit,
who brings us together at this table
of love.
Blessed be God now and for ever.*

All: *Amen.*

Book of Blessings, 1069

Share food and conversation at the table.

Blessing for Mission

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Leader: *My brothers and sisters, let us pray
that God who is love will enkindle our
hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit,
to give us an ardent love for others, like
Christ's love for us.*

Book of Blessings, 586

Pray silently.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy,
who through your Son gave us a
marvelous example of charity
and the great commandment of love
for one another. Send down your
blessings on these your servants,
who so generously devote themselves to
helping others. When they are called
on in times of need, let them faithfully
serve you in their neighbor. We ask this
through Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Book of Blessings, 587

Sing again the opening song.