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- MARK 10:14

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Service of Holy Baptism

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord commanded Baptism, saying to

His disciples in the last chapter of Matthew:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.

The holy apostles of the Lord have written:

"The promise is for you and your children" and:

"Baptism now saves you." We also learn from the Word of God that we all are conceived and born sinful and are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation.

But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead + and upon your heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified. Hear how our Lord Jesus Christ has opened the kingdom of God to little children.

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these, I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." It is your task as parents and sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized. After this child has been baptized you are at all times to remember (him/her) in your prayers and put (him/her) in mind of (his/her) Baptism. You are to see that (he/she) is brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and is taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer; and that as (he/she) grows in years, you place in (his/her) hands the Holy Scriptures, bring (him/her) to the services of God's house and provide for (his/her) further instruction in the Christian faith, that (he/she) come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in (his/her) baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, (he/she) may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Sponsors/Parents: Yes.

God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do. In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer He gave us.

All: **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.**

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Because this child cannot answer for (himself/herself), we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on (his/her) behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?

People: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

People: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will Come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: Who brings this child to be baptized?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: How is this child to be named?

Parents: _____

Pastor: _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit+

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

People: Amen

Pastor: Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end. Each year, on (his/her) baptismal anniversary, relight this candle as a reminder of the day (he/she) became a child of God.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted _____ the new birth in Holy Baptism and made (him/her) a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as (he/she) has now become Your child, You would keep (him/her) in (him/her) baptismal grace, that according to all Your good pleasure (he/she) may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord and giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so that they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Elder: Through Baptism God has added to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as (a) fellow member (s) of the body of Christ, a child (children) of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you _____, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: Amen

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