~ INTRODUCTORY RITE ~

Prelude

Hymn-Prelude on “St. Columba”

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Processional Hymn

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

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Tune: ST. COLUMBA, 8 7 8 7; Irish melody.
Greetings

Welcome

Celebrant: Parents and Godparents, who are present here with these children, what do you ask of God’s Church for your children?

Parents: Baptism.

Celebrant: Dear parents, in asking for Baptism for your children, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising them in the faith, so that, keeping God’s commandments, they may love the Lord and their neighbor as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility.

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: Dear godparents, are you ready to help the parents of these children in their duty?

Godparents: We are.

Celebrant: Dear children, the Church of God receives you with great joy. In her name I sign you with the Sign of the Cross of Christ our Savior; then, after me, your parents and godparents will sign you with the cross on your forehead.

At the direction of the priest, the parents and godparents are to extend the Sign of the Cross over the child.

Collect

After responding “Amen” to the opening prayer, please be seated.
I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Canticle

Isaiah 12

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my savior.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Refrain

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. Sing a psalm to the Lord!

For he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Refrain

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Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand.)*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.


A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:13:16

Let the children come to me.

Priest: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

*The Gospel Acclamation is repeated after the Gospel.*

Homily *(Please be seated.)*
Universal Prayer

Lector: Give these children new birth in Baptism through the radiant divine mystery of your Death and Resurrection, and join them to your holy Church.
All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lector: Make them faithful disciples and witnesses to your Gospel through Baptism and Confirmation:
All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lector: Lead them through holiness of life to the joys of the heavenly Kingdom:
All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lector: Make their parents and godparents a shining example of the faith to these children:
All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lector: Keep their families always in your love:
All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lector: Renew the grace of Baptism in each of us:
All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lector: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
All: pray for us.

Lector: Saint John the Baptist,
All: pray for us.

Lector: Saint Joseph,
All: pray for us.

Lector: Saint Peter and Saint Paul,
All: pray for us.

Lector: All holy men and women, Saints of God,
All: pray for us.
Blessing of Water & Invocation of God over the Water

Celebrant: Merciful God, from the font of Baptism, you have made the new life of your children well up within us.
All: Blessed be God.

Celebrant: You have been pleased to unite by water and the Holy Spirit all baptized into one people in your Son Jesus Christ.
All: Blessed be God.

Celebrant: You free us by the spirit of your love, whom you pour into our hearts, so that we might delight in your peace.
All: Blessed be God.

Celebrant: You choose the baptized, that they may joyfully proclaim to all nations the Gospel of your Christ.
All: Blessed be God.

Celebrant: Be pleased now to bless + this water, by which your servants are to be baptized, for you have called them to this cleansing water of rebirth in the faith of the Church that they may have eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.
PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and Godparents are invited to stand.
To each of the questions, please answer “I do!”

BAPTISMS WITH WATER

Celebrant: Is it your will that your child should receive Baptism in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents/Godparent: It is.

Please come forward to the baptismal font when the name of your child is called.

ANOINTING AFTER BAPTISM

Celebrant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain Members of Christ, Celebrant, Prophet, and King, unto eternal life.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ.

After baptism and anointing, please step to the side to receive a candle and the baptismal garment and then return to your pew.

CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT

Celebrant: Dear Children, you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May this white garment be a sign to you of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring it unstained into eternal life.

All: Amen.

HANDING ON OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Celebrant: Dear parents and godparents, the light you received is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly, so that your children, enlightened by Christ, may walk always as children of the light and, persevering in the faith, may run to meet the Lord when he comes with all the Saints in the heavenly court.
CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord’s Prayer

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 the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord by with you.
All: And with your Spirit

Celebrant: Bow your head and ask for God’s blessing.

Blessing over the Mothers

Celebrant: The Lord God Almighty, through his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, brings joy to Christian mothers as the hope of eternal life shines forth upon their children. May he graciously bless the mothers of these children, so that as they now give thanks for the gift of their children, they may always remain united with them in thanksgiving, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing over the Fathers

Celebrant: May the Lord God Almighty, the giver of life both in heaven and on earth, bless the fathers of these children, so that, together with their lives they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their children in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing over the Assembly

Celebrant: May the Lord God Almighty, who by water and the Holy Spirit has given us new birth into eternal life, abundantly bless his faithful here present, that always and everywhere they may be active members of his people; and may he bestow his peace on all who are here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.
Final Blessing
Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Dismissal
Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life
All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

We Praise You, Lord, for Jesus Christ

1. We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Who
died and rose again, Who lives to break the
pow'r of sin And over death to reign.

2. We praise you that this child now shares The
free-dom Christ can give, Has died to sin with
Christ, and now With Christ is raised to live.

3. We praise you, Lord, that now this child Is
graft-ed to the vine, Is made a mem-ber
of your house And bears the cross as sign.

4. We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Who
loves this child we bring: He frees, for-give, and
heals us all, He lives and reigns as king.
IN THE YEAR OF SALVATION TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

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