RITE OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN
After responding “Amen” to the opening prayer, please be seated.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Prelude

Water

O WALY WALY, English melody
arr. Chris de Silva

The families are seated in their pews. The celebrant enters through the back gate of the sanctuary.

GREETING

WELCOME

Celebrant: Parents and Godparents 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. I sign you with the Sign of the Cross of Christ our Savior; and I ask your parents and grandparents to make the Sign of the Cross on your forehead.

The parents and godparents make the Sign of the Cross on the child’s forehead.

COLLECT

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, 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

With joy you shall draw water from the springs of endless life;
With joy you shall draw water from the living well of God.

God indeed is my Savior, I will never be afraid,
My strength and my courage is the LORD, my Savior and my song.

Give thanks and praise the name of God, sing out to all the earth
the wondrous deeds that God has done, our Savior and our song.

Shout with joy, O Zion, for dwelling in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and your song Refrain

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Gospel Acclamation (Please stand.)

Alleluia.

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

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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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.


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,
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 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!”_

**Baptism 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. God 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, keep the light that has been entrusted to 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 Heaven.
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: 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 God 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 God Almighty, the giver of life both in heaven and on earth, bless the fathers of these children, so that, together with their spouses 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 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.

**Postlude**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
arr. Paul A. Tate
IN THE YEAR OF SALVATION TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

The Basilica of Saint Mary

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