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DIE. RISE. GO.

At the occasion of Josephine's baptism, we are changing our order of worship. Many historic churches place the baptismal font at the entrance to the sanctuary or in front of the altar. Such a placement requires you to walk past the water every time you worship. In this way, one is reminded of the daily significance of baptism, which places you into a whole new life. Baptism occurs on one day in your life, but lays forth a pattern for every day, as it is also new every day. While going through the movements of the service today and witnessing the baptism of Josephine Christiana Beal, take time to remember your own baptism and what it means. In baptism we **Die, Rise, and Go.**

"Baptism is not magic, a conjuring trick with water. But neither is it simply a visual aid. It is one of the points, established by Jesus himself, where heaven and earth interlock, where new creation, resurrection life, appears within the midst of the old."

- N.T. Wright

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

"There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Repent and be baptized, every one of you

C **for the forgiveness of your sins.**

P All humans are born sinful and under the power of the devil...

C **until Christ claims us as His own.**

P We would be lost forever in death,

C **but with Christ we are delivered from sin, death, and condemnation.**

P The Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ to atone for the sin of the whole world,

C **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

All glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. Amen.

HYMN

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the
 slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the
 me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-



fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save Till on that cross as Je-sus
 grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-
 mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort-
 died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand; Till He re-



er, my all in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

DIE

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

Confession

- P “What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.”
- C **“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”** (Mt 15:18-19)
- P In our wicked hearts we give birth to sin.
- C **In our wayward desires and values we bring forth evil.**
- P Let us then confess to God not only our sinful actions, but also our foolish and hard-hearted desires.
- C **Most merciful God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved what You love. We sought the desires of our hearts instead of Your desires for creation. Forgive us and grant us new hearts, so that we would seek what is lasting and valuable in Your sight.**

Song of Repentance

Kyrie “To You”

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

RISE

“You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:12-14

Absolution

- P In Jesus, God has given you a new heart. He has taken your sinful desires, longings, and actions and He has nailed them to the cross of Christ. God has called you out of darkness and made you a part of His holy people so that you would proclaim his mercies as you walk in the light of His salvation. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- P Christ has died.
- C **Christ is Risen. Christ will come again**

Song of Response

Praise Be to Christ

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1. Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2. Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3. Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, the full - ness of the

Fa - ther shown, The first - born Son re - vealed and known, The
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And
God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who

truth and grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion
when our world has passed a - way; Lord of the Church, its
came as man to bleed and die. And from His cross there

came to birth, Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The
life and head, Re - demp-tion's price and source and theme, A -
flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod, That

un - seen pow'rs and this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
live the first - born from the dead, to reign as all in all su - preme.
so might sins and sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

Confession of the Apostles Creed

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C **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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **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. Amen.**

Baptism of Josephine Christiana Beal *(children are welcome to come forward at this time)*

P We welcome Josephine Beal to the faith.

C **Amen.**

Song

Baptism Song

Refrain

De - part un - clean spir - it. Make way for the Ho - ly Spir - it. De -
part un - clean spir - it. Make way for the Spir - it of God.

1. In the name of the Fa - ther and the Son, and of the Hol - ly
Spir - it You call us out of dark - ness and make us Yours. *refrain*

2. You bring us through the wa - er, re - mov - ing the stain of our
sin. Ex - chang - ing our death for life, and for - giv - ing us.

3. You take our sin u - pon Your - self, and give us e - ter - nal life.
How awe - some Your good - ness and mer - cy and love for us! *refrain*

4. Dai - ly You call us to die. Dai - ly You call us to rise.
Dai - ly You call us to go forth and share Your love.

5. O Fa - ther, You knit us to - get - her, Je - sus You died in our place,
Spir - it You guide and help us and live in us. *refrain*

Old Testament *Isaiah 51:1-6*

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **The Sun Will Rise**

Epistle *Romans 11:33-12:8*

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-

Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

- For the sick, hospitalized, homebound, injured, and dying.
- For those who mourn.
- For those who need food, clothes, shelter, employment.
- For genuine love for neighbor.
- For those we know who have yet to be baptized.
- For our church.

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

GO

Jesus said, “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.” Matthew 28:18-19

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Song

Praise To The Lord (Roselyn)

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Postlude

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