

2017 Baptism Script  
St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church  
San Francisco, California

## Presentation and Examination of the Baptismal Candidate

*For those candidates who are speaking for themselves  
(Adults and Children)*

**Leader A**

Present your *candidate* for baptism.

**Sponsors** (all sponsors say together)

I present \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.

**Presider**

Do you wish to be baptized?

**Candidate**

I do.

*For those candidates not speaking for themselves (Infants)*

**Leader A**

Present your *child* for baptism.

**Sponsors** (all sponsors say together)

I present \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.

**Presider** (To the parents and godparents)

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *his* growth in faith. Will you pray for *her/him*, draw *her/him* by your example into friendship with God and walk with *her/him* in the way of Christ?

**Sponsors** (all parents and godparents say together)

I will, with God's help.

**Presider**

In baptism, *this child* begins *her/his* journey in faith. Will you care for *her/him*, and help *her/him* to take *her/his* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**Sponsors** (*all parents and godparents say together*)

I will, with God's help.

**Presider** (*To the parents and godparents*)

In baptism, God calls us into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask: Do you turn away from evil?

**Sponsors/Candidates**

I turn away from evil.

**Presider**

Do you accept God's forgiveness?

**Sponsors/Candidates**

I accept God's forgiveness.

**Presider**

Do you embrace Christ's love?

**Sponsors/Candidates**

I embrace Christ's love.

**Presider**

Do you place your trust in Christ's Lordship?

**Sponsors/Candidates**

I place my trust in Christ the Lord.

**Presider** (*To the whole congregation*)

Beloved friends: Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism, Jesus is calling us all to follow in his way of loving service. People of God, will you welcome these *children / candidates* and uphold *them* in *their* life in Christ?

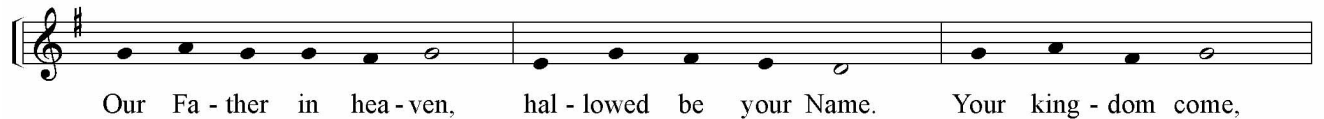
**Everyone**

We will, with God's help.

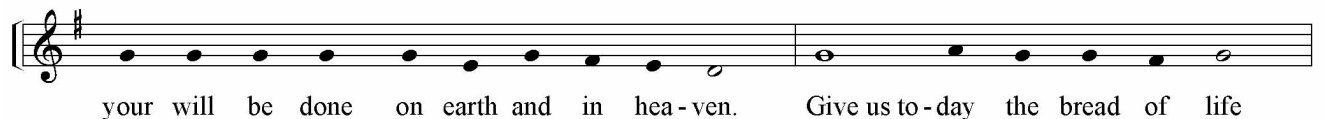
**Leader B**

We will sing the Lord's Prayer at page \_\_\_\_ in your baptism booklet.

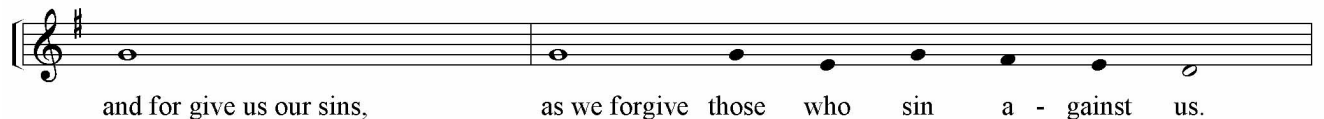
*Cantor leads Lord's Prayer*



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come,



your will be done on earth and in hea - ven. Give us to - day the bread of life



and for give us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and deliv - er us from e - vil.

**Leader B**

For all God's friends, that we may shine with truth and love so that people everywhere may know God and be drawn to friendship with God, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader B**

For \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ whom we baptize today, that they may continually grow in love and friendship with God, growing brighter and brighter as *they/she/he* turn(s) into the image that *they/she/he* reflect(s), let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader B**

For peace in the whole world, for peace in \_\_\_\_\_, and for peace everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Here the congregation adds their own prayers.*

**Leader B**

For Marc, our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul and David, bishops of China, Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider**

For salvation and peace for the dead, and comfort for mourners, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader B**

That God will raise us with Christ out of the death of sin, and fill our whole lives with the joy of the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

## **Leader B**

In fellowship with Gregory of Nyssa, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with all God's holy people in every time and place, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our lives through Christ to God.

## **People**

To you, O Lord our God.

## **Presider**

God of mercy and love, new birth by water and the Spirit is a gift, a gift none can take away; grant that your servants may grow into the fullness of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ...

*Cantor leads congregation in singing the conclusion.*



For the kingdom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## **Tripudium to the Font**

- *Leader A starts speech immediately (see below).*
- *Presider (with cross) demonstrates step, then goes to head of the LEFT-most line.*
- *Cantor demonstrates step, then remains on platform to lead step, then joins the end of a line on LEFT.*
- *During the Tripudium:*
  - *Congregation begins moving on Cantor's cue*
  - *Leader A demonstrates step, then leads a line on RIGHT*



## **Leader A**

We'll go to the font in step, singing \_\_\_\_\_, found at number \_\_\_ in your music books number \_\_\_. Make sure and bring your baptism booklet. The step is very simple; if you'll look at all of us up here, we will show you how it goes.

Starting on your right foot, go right, left, right, back;

(demonstrate)

right, left, right, back;

right left, right, back.

Place your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you. Sanford will tell us when to step off.

## **Cantor**

When we get to the word " \_\_\_\_\_," please step off on your right foot and start the right, left, right, back pattern.

*Cantor leads the Tripudium, cues people to move at the right time, calls for additional stanzas if needed to get everyone to the Font.*

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

*Leader helps with children and gives the cross to a recruit to hold. Leader holds baptism kit and a volunteer holds book for presider to sing from, assisting presbyters (if any) gather around the font.*

*Cantor gives tone and starts drone*

## **Leader A**

We're on page \_\_\_\_ of your booklets.

**Presider** ♪ The Lord be with you.

**People** ♪ And also with you.

**Presider** ♪ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** ♪ It is right to give God thanks and praise.



**Presider** ♪ We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water; over it your Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

**People** ♪ Amen! Come Holy Spirit.

**Presider** ♪ We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** ♪ Amen! Come Holy Spirit.

**Presider** ♪ Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**People** ♪ Amen!

## The Baptism and Chrismation

**Presider** \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen!

**Presider** \_\_\_\_\_, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

**People** Amen!

## The Covenant of Baptism

**Presider** ♪ Let us join those who have committed themselves to Christ in the Covenant of Baptism.

**Presider** ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

**People** ♪ I place my heart in God.

**Presider** ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary?  
Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and descended to the dead?  
Who on the third day rose from death; ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

**People** ♪ I place my heart in God.

**Presider** ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Holy Spirit, making the Church holy in every place and gathering the communion of saints?  
In the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

**People** ♪ I place my heart in God.

**Presider** ♪ This is the faith of the Church.

**People** ♪ We place our heart and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Presider** ♪ Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** ♪ I will, with God's help.

**Presider** ♪ Will you persevere in resisting evil, and forgive others as you are forgiven?

**People** ♪ I will, with God's help.

**Presider** ♪ Will you proclaim by word and action the good news of God in Christ?

**People** ♪ I will, with God's help.

**Presider** ♪ Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** ♪ I will, with God's help.

**Presider** ♪ Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over the world, by praying for leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**People** ♪ I will, with God's help.

**Presider** ♪ May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*The Presider turns to the newly baptized and prays*

**Presider** ♪ Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this/these* your *servant(s)* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her/him/them* to the new life of grace.  
Sustain *her/him/them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give *her/him/them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**People** ♪ Amen!

**Presider** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All** We welcome you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim Christ's resurrection, and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.

## Leader A

We'll go into the rotunda, singing at page 8 in your baptism booklets, *As many as have been baptized*. Keep circling the table until everyone is inside. Page 8.

Three times

As man-y as have been bap-tized in - to Christ have put, have put on Christ. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The piece is marked 'Three times' at the beginning.

## PEACE

### Presider

Christ is here, making peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

### People

And also with you!

*All exchange the Peace*