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THE PROPER FOR BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST

Pentecost

May 19, 2024



The Baptism of David James DiCostanzi

St. Peter's Church

An Episcopal community sharing Christ's love since 1702.

Processional Hymn

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Peter’s Rock

Matt Maher

Father, let Your kingdom come / Father, let Your will be done / on Earth as in
Heaven / Right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread / Forgive us, forgive us / as we forgive the ones
who sinned against us / forgive them / And lead us not into temptation / but
deliver us from the evil one / Let Your kingdom come.

It’s Yours, it’s Yours / All Yours, all Yours / The kingdom, the power, the glory are
Yours / It’s Yours, it’s Yours / All Yours, all Yours / Forever and ever the kingdom
is Yours.

Postlude

“Improvisation on *Lambillote*”
Brit Montoro, organ

arr. Brit Montoro

BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken, *Rector* (he/him)

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Welcome to St. Peter’s Church! We are one congregation gathered in person and online to worship God in the beauty of holiness. We invite you to use the time before the service for quiet reflection and preparation for worship. Thank you also for silencing your cell phone while in church. Parts of this service may be live-streamed on our YouTube channel; the first seven rows are visible on camera. The closest restroom is located in the hall through the double doors at the front right of the church. An usher can help with directions.

All baptized Christians, of any denomination and of any age, are welcome to receive Communion at God’s table. You may also request a blessing instead by crossing your arms over your chest. Additional resources are found on our website: stpetersfreehold.org.

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THE ENTRANCE

Prelude

“Every time I feel the Spirit”
Esper Highcock, *Soloist*

Harry T. Burleigh

The Clergy and Choir enter at the conclusion of the Prelude. When all are in place, the Celebrant says:

Let us go forth in Peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

“Hail thee, festival day!”

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for
ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the
world with God's grace. grace.

First time only | 2

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his—
wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

The Paschal Candle is extinguished at this time.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life given in Creation.

Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon gives this dismissal

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

Taizé

As the Light of Christ is taken from the Paschal Candle and given to the people to take into the world, all sing this hymn invoking the Holy Spirit.

The congregation sings the refrain as the choir sings the verses in different languages.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.

Father of the poor, come to our poverty. Shower upon us the seven gifts of your grace. Be the light of our lives. O come.

You are our only comforter, Peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us, in our labor you refresh us. And in trouble you are our strength.

Kindle our hearts the flame of your love that in the darkness of the world it may glow and reach to all forever.

The Commissioning

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Freehold, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the
my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en
souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

Repeat Refrain

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

The Opening Acclamation & Collect of the Day

The Celebrant greets the people with these words.

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, come with Your fire / Burn my desires, refine me / Lord, my will has deceived me / Please come free me, come rescue this child / For I long to be reconciled to You / Refine me, refine me / Refine me, refine me.

Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post-communion Prayer

All Stand.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome to receive Communion.

Communion Anthem

“Song of the Spirit”
King’s Peal

Derek K. Hakes

Communion Hymn

“Refine Me”
Peter’s Rock

Jennifer Knapp

I come into this place / burnin’ to receive Your peace / I come with my own chains
/ from wars I fought for my own selfish gain / You’re my God and my Father / I’ve
accepted Your son / but my soul feels so empty now / What have I become?

Lord, come with Your fire / Burn my desires, refine me / Lord, my will has deceived
me / Please come free me, come rescue this child / For I long to be reconciled to
You.

It’s all I can do / to give my heart and soul to You / And pray and pray / Oh, I will
pray.

The Gradual

The Psalm is said in unison.

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Purify My Heart”

Brian Doerksen

Peter’s Rock

Purify my heart / Let me be as gold and precious silver / Purify my heart / Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus:

Refiner’s fire / My heart’s one desire / is to be holy / Set apart for You, Lord / I choose to be holy / Set apart for You, my Master / Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart / Cleanse me from within / and make me holy / Purify my heart / Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. *repeat Chorus*

The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken, *Rector*

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

When all have assembled at the Font, the Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor **I present *David James* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

To the parents and Godparents of younger candidates

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *his* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem“Let Everything That Hath Breath Praise the Lord” *George D. Pass II*
St. Peter’s Choir

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. For His mighty acts, and His wondrous works we give thee honor, O Lord we give praise, power and glory. Everlasting Father, Hosanna the Prince of Peace, Alpha and Omega beginning and the ending, O praise the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

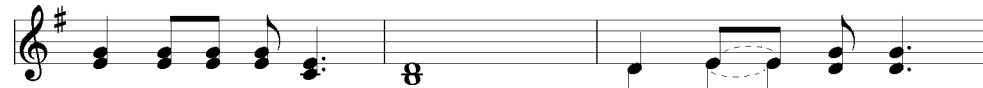
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me,



1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to



1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it



1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

Welcoming the newly baptized

When all have arrived at the front of the Church, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God.

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
 and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
 you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News
 of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
 and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *this person* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader

Deliver *him*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Open *him* hearts to your grace and truth.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Keep *him* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy 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 Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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 for ever 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 for ever.

Amen.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* 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. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism and saying to each one

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

The Bishop or priest lights a candle from the Paschal Candle and gives it to the newly baptized with these words

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

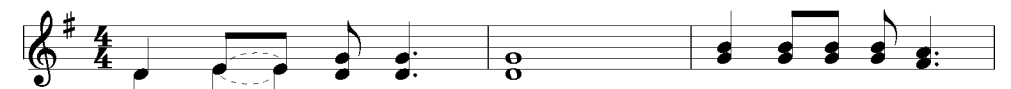
Priest You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

People **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

The priest blesses the people with the water from the baptismal font as a reminder of their own baptisms.

Baptismal Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”



1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it