

## Leader Guide Template

### Monday Prayer at the Font – Epiphany

*The assembly stands.*

**INTRODUCTION (optional):** <Name>

*If you have a commemoration, a special welcome to guests, or particular instructions about a portion of the service, put them here. Otherwise, this section can be dropped.*

*The ministers assemble at the font.*

<Name>

## OPENING

*The opening is sung or spoken.*

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, in the Spirit hovering over the waters.**

Blessed are you in the Word going forth like gentle rain.

**Blessed are you in the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan.**

Blessed are you in our washing with water and the Holy Spirit.

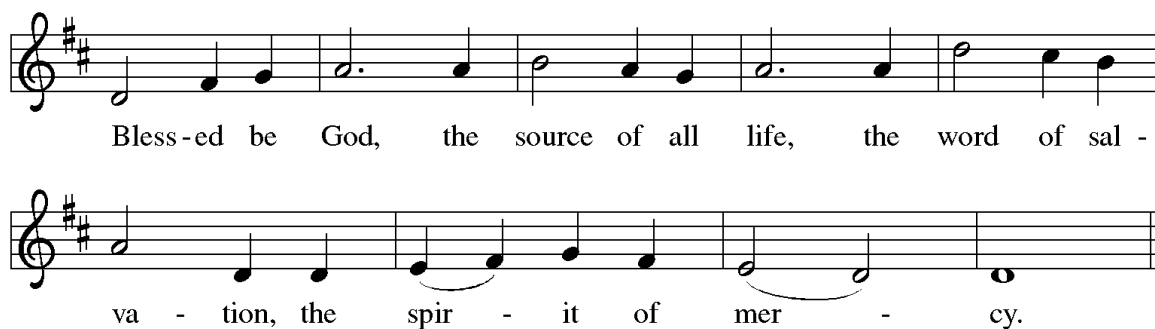
**Blessed are you in every water that calls to mind our birth from the font.**

Blessed are you in the river of life that flows through the new Jerusalem.

**Blessed are you--Father, Son+, and Holy Spirit--now and forever.**

## BAPTISMAL SONG

### Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life



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*Sung three times.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM – <Name>**

**Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

*Water may be poured into the font as the leader gives thanks.*

*The leader says one of the following prayers or another appropriate prayer.*

*Option 1:*

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring,  
you are the fire of rebirth.**

**Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.**

*Here particular bodies or sources of water may be named.*

**[for Catfish Creek and the Mississippi River.]**

**Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.**

**Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.**

**You are the fountain of resurrection.**

**Praise to you for your saving waters:**

**Noah and the animals survive the flood,**

**Hagar discovers your well.**

**The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.**

**Naaman washes his leprosy away,**

**and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.**

**Praise to you for the water of baptism**

**and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.**

**Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.**

**Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.**

**Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

**Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**OR**

*Option 2:*

**We give you thanks, O God,**

**for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters**

**and by your Word you created the world,**

**calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
[By the baptism of his death and resurrection  
your Son set us free from sin and death  
and opened to us the way to everlasting life.]  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
[Buried with Christ in his death,  
you raise us to share in his resurrection.]  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.

**OR**

*Option 3:*

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,  
for you created the waters of the earth:  
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

*Here particular bodies or sources of water may be named.*

**[for Catfish Creek and the Mississippi River.]**

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.

Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.

Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**OR**

*Option 4:*

**Gracious God,  
we praise you for the new life you have given us in baptism.  
We thank you for the saving Word that claimed us as your children  
and for the bread of life and cup of salvation that nourish us.**

**Through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
bless us and strengthen us in the household of faith  
so that we may serve each other in peace.  
Through the turning of the days  
and the changing of the seasons,  
hold us secure in your loving arms,  
and by the light of the risen Christ  
lead us at last into the presence of your unfading light.**

**Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**OR**

*Option 5:*

**We give you praise, O God,  
that in baptism you have led us from the night of sin  
to the dawning of a new day.  
We give you praise that, buried with Christ in baptism,  
we too shall rise with him and walk in the light as your children.  
Receive our praise through Jesus Christ,  
the resurrection and the life,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**OR**

*Option 6:*

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
creator of all things,  
for you brought forth a new creation in Christ.  
Through baptism you have made us children,  
dead to sin and alive to you.  
You have washed us,**

filled us with your love,  
and sustained us with your Spirit.  
Therefore we praise you  
and give you our loving thanks,  
for your mercy endures forever.  
Amen.

*OR*

*Option 7:*

Gracious Lord, we thank you  
for the new life you have given us through Holy Baptism.  
Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit,  
and increase in us the gifts of grace:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**HYMN:** <Title, Number>

*The assembly sits.*

**PSALM:** <Psalm (and verses, if appropriate)> - <Name>

**PSALM PRAYER:** - <Name>

*The Psalm Prayer can be found at the end of the psalm in the ELW Leader's Desk Edition or on the G drive under Student Groups/Committees-Chapel-Worship Resources – ELW Psalm Prayers.*

**READING:** <Book, Chapter and verses> - <Name>

*Before the reading, announce:*

A reading from <Book>, the <Xth> chapter.

*After the reading, say:*

Word of God, word of life.

**SERMON** - <Name>

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN:** <Title, Number>

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - <Name>

*The worship leader(s) offering prayers invites the assembly into prayer.*

*Prayers should be crafted by the worship leader(s). Speak with your faculty presider or sacristan if you have questions.*

*The prayers conclude with one of the following prayers for the morning, or another appropriate prayer.*

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

*or*

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

*or*

**We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.**

Amen.

**LORD’S PRAYER (select Contemporary or Traditional)**

***Contemporary***

“Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us...”

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

***Traditional***

“Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...”

**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.**

**BLESSING - *<Name>***

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

*or*

**The Lord almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in peace.**

Amen.

*or*

**The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

*The assembly departs sharing signs of peace.*