

## Leader Guide Template

### Prayer at the Font—Lent

#### **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.*

*NOTE: instructions about the psalm can go here, or they can go immediately before the psalm (see below).*

*The assembly stands.*

*The ministers assemble at the font.*

#### **OPENING - <Name>**

**Return to the Lord, your God,**

for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

**Behold, now is the acceptable time.**

Now is the day of the salvation.

**With the whole church, let us confess our faith.**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

## SONG

### Holy God *Trisagion*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM - *<Name>*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

*The leader says one of the following prayers.*

### **OPTION 1**

Merciful God,  
each year you give us this season  
when we prepare to celebrate  
the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.  
As we keep the holy discipline of these days,  
turn our prayer into a greater thirst for you,  
let our fasting become our service to the hungry,  
and grant us a spirit of willing service to those in need.  
Renew us in the grace of baptism  
so that we might set our hearts on the world  
that will never end.  
We as this in the name of your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### **-OR-**

O Lord God,  
you led your ancient people through the barren desert  
and brought them to the promised land.  
Guide us now as we follow our Savior

throughout the wilderness of Lent  
to the life-giving waters of Easter.  
Keep us faithful to your Word  
and strengthen our trust in your mercy.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**-OR-**

God of mercy,  
as we move through the journey of this season,  
incite us to truthful reflection, faithful action,  
and quiet release from all that is false and fleeting.  
Deliver us from every evil and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope for the great feast of Easter,  
the Passover of the Lord Jesus from death to life with you.  
Amen.

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN: <Title, Number>**

*The assembly sits.*

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

*If you did not give instructions at the beginning of the service about how the psalm is to be done, give them here. A suggested form is:*

*“Our psalm today is Psalm XX, verses Y through Z (if not doing the entire psalm). We will <read/sing> the psalm <responsively/antiphonally> by whole verse. <I/the cantor/portion of the group> will <read/sing> the odd-numbered verses, followed by <the assembly/other portion of the group> <reading/singing> the even-numbered verses.”*

*NOTE: Modify the suggested form if you are doing the psalm in a different manner, such as a sung refrain after groups of verses or some other presentation.*

*After the Psalm is finished, allow 10-15 seconds of silence.*

**PSALM PRAYER: - <Name>**

*The Psalm Prayer can be found after the psalm in the ELW Leader's Desk Edition, beginning on p.737, 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: <Number, Title>**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - <Name>**

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

**CONCLUDING PRAYER - <Name>**

*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 Ecumenical or Traditional) <Name>**

***Ecumenical***

**"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.*