

# RITE OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

Participation Booklet  
In Accord with The Roman Missal

Arranged for Communal Participation

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The Rite for Several Children  
and for One Child

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Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in Baptism. They are now called children of God, for so indeed they are. In Confirmation they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In holy communion they will share the banquet of Christ's Sacrifice, calling God their Father in the midst of the Church. In their name, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us:

*All present join the celebrant in singing or saying:*

**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.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The celebrant first blesses mothers, who hold the children in their arms, then the fathers, and lastly the entire assembly. All respond Amen to each prayer of blessing.*

**Celebrant:** Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*After the blessing, all may sing a hymn which suitably expresses thanksgiving and Easter joy, or they may sing the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Magnificat. (See pp. 57-64.)*

the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.

He signs the child on the forehead, in silence. Then he invites the parents and (if it seems appropriate) the godparents to do the same.

The celebrant invites the parents, godparents, and the others to take part in the liturgy of the word. If circumstances permit, there is a procession to the place where this will be celebrated, during which a song is sung, e.g.:

## Song

## We Come to You, Lord Jesus

VENIAMUS, DOMINE Irregular

*(♩ = 58)*      F      E♭      F      Cm<sup>7</sup>      F      E♭      F      Cm<sup>7</sup>  
*f*      *Cantor: All repeat as needed*

We come to you, Lord Je - sus.

Fill us with your life, make us chil-dren of the Fa-ther, and

F      E♭      F      Cm<sup>7</sup>      Fmaj<sup>7</sup>      B♭      B♭m      Fmaj<sup>7</sup>      C      Fmaj<sup>7</sup>  
*ending*

one in — you. (We)

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## Baptism

The celebrant invites the family to the font and questions the parents and godparents.

**Celebrant:** Is it your will that **N.** should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

**Parents and godparents: It is.**

He baptizes the child, saying:

**N.,** I baptize you in the name of the Father,

He immerses the child or pours water upon it.

and of the Son,

He immerses the child or pours water upon it a second time:

and the Holy Spirit.

He immerses the child or pours water upon it a third time.

After the child is baptized, it is appropriate for the people to sing a short acclamation:

Smoothly (♩ = c. 72)

Christopher Willcock, S.J.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a tempo of approximately 72 beats per minute. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

All of you are one: u - ni - ted in Christ Je - sus;

all of you are one: u - ni - ted in Christ Je - sus.

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