

Baptismal Service

Centering Thoughts

For many the exploration and adventure of lifelong discipleship is identified with the sacrament of baptism. In preparing this service, be sensitive to the individual needs of the candidate(s). The foundational scripture for this service is found in Matthew 3:13–17, Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Provide cut-out doves with markers/pens for everyone in the congregation to write down words of affirmation to the candidates.

Call to Worship: Matthew 3:13–17

Song of Invitation: “Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

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Invocation

Scripture Reading

It was then that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens: “You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests.”

—Mark 1:9–12 The Inclusive New Testament

An Invitation to Discover the Peace of Christ and Build the Kingdom

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:13–22

Affirmations

In Christ we are joined together and are able to grow into a holy temple for God. On this day we celebrate another person (more persons) joining the body of Christ. As members of this body, please write down your affirmations to the candidate(s) on the paper doves.

Song of Commitment: “Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares”

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Meditation Music: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” *campfire song*

A Scripture of Discipleship: Doctrine and Covenants 161:7

Sending Forth Hymn: “Take the Path of the Disciple”

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