

- 1 There's a song for all the children  
that makes the heavens ring,  
a song that even angels  
can never never sing;  
they praise him as their maker  
and see him glorified,  
but we can call him Saviour  
because for us he died.
- 2 There's a place for all the children  
where Jesus reigns in love,  
a place of joy and freedom  
that nothing can remove;  
a home that is more friendly  
than any home we know,  
where Jesus makes us welcome  
because he loves us so.
- 3 There's a friend for all the children  
to guide us every day,  
whose care is always faithful  
and never fades away;  
there's no-one else so loyal —  
his friendship stays the same;  
he knows us and he loves us,  
and Jesus is his name.

*Albert Midlane 1825–1909 [MP680]*

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## ¶ The Gathering

### **Hymn**

*At the entry of the ministers a hymn is sung.*

### **The Greeting**

*The president says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### **Introduction**

In baptism, God calls us to be his friends  
and to make us holy in his Son Jesus Christ.  
On this journey of faith we have no abiding city,  
for we have the promise of the heavenly Jerusalem,  
where the whole creation is brought to a new birth in the Holy Spirit.  
Here we are united in the company of all the faithful,  
and we look for the coming of the eternal kingdom.  
As children of God, we look through this passing age  
for the signs of the dawn of everlasting glory.

### **The Collect**

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words Let us pray  
or a more specific bidding.*

*Either the collect (special prayer) of the day, or a baptism collect is said and  
all respond*

*All* **Amen.**

## 6

- 1 Father, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you:  
how we love you!
- 2 Jesus, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you:  
how we love you!
- 1 Spirit, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you:  
how we love you!

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## 7

- 1 God who made the earth,  
the air, the sky, the sea,  
who gave the light its birth,  
careth for me.
- 2 God who made the grass,  
the flower, the fruit, the tree,  
the day and night to pass,  
careth for me.
- 3 God who made the sun,  
the moon, the stars, is he  
who, when life's clouds come on,  
careth for me.

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## 8

- 1 Come into my heart, into my heart,  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Come in today, come in to stay;  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 Rule in my heart, rule in my heart,  
O king of my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Make this your throne, rule there alone;  
O king of my heart, Lord Jesus.

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# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

## Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture may precede the Gospel reading*

*The reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm or Hymn

## Gospel Reading

*All remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Hymn

*A hymn may be sung*

# Hymn Supplement

## I

Abba, Father, let me be  
yours and yours alone.  
May my will for ever be  
more and more your own.  
Never let my heart grow cold,  
never let me go.  
Abba, Father, let me be  
yours and yours alone.

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## 2

- 1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.  
  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*
- 2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.
- 3 You're my friend and you're my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

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## Signing with the Cross

*The president or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

*When all the candidates have been signed, the president says*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

*All* **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*As the baptismal party moves to gather round the font, all stand and a hymn is sung such as the following*

## Hymn

- 1 River, wash over me,  
cleanse me and make me new;  
bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew –  
river, wash over me.
- 2 Spirit, watch over me,  
lead me to Jesus' feet;  
cause me to worship and fill me anew –  
Spirit, watch over me.
- 3 Jesus, rule over me,  
reign over all my heart;  
teach me to praise you and fill me anew –  
Jesus, rule over me.

*[MP581]*

# ¶ Prayers

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Kneel or sit for the intercessions. The following response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear or prayer.**

*And at the end*

Lord of the Church:

All **hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

*During the singing of this hymn the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

## Profession of faith

*The president addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

## Baptism

*The president or another minister dips each candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying*

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

All **Amen.**

*The president says*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**