



## THE GATHERING

In my head, in my heart and all around me  
**Jesus is here.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

## HYMN

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
We are marching in the light of God

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus taught us to love one another,  
but often we argue and hurt one another.  
God of all goodness  
**We are sorry.**

Jesus taught us to love one another,  
but often we think of ourselves and ignore each other  
God of all goodness,  
**we are sorry**

Jesus taught us to love one another,  
but often we forget what he taught  
and forget one another's needs.  
God of all goodness,  
**we are sorry**

## WE ARE FORGIVEN

## **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

### **READING Acts 10. 44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **John 15.9–17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**TALK**    Petra

## THE BAPTISM - THE PRESENTATION

*The president addresses the congregation.*

We thank God for Nathan who has come to be baptized today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.  
So I ask you all:

Will you support Nathan as he begins his journey of faith?  
**We will.**

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?  
**We will.**

*The president then addresses the parents and godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.  
Parents and godparents, you speak for Nathan today.  
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?  
**We will.**

## THE DECISION

We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?  
**I do.**

Do you reject evil?  
**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?  
**I do.**

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the Nathan's forehead,*

Do not be ashamed of Christ.  
You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him  
against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you  
from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm, together with Nathan, who is being baptised,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who  
gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The president pours water on the candidate, saying*

Nathan ..., I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

## THE WELCOME

As fellow children of God  
we welcome Nathan as brothers and sisters.  
**Welcome, welcome, welcome, Nathan,  
welcome to the household of God where  
we will read with you, sing with you,  
pray with you, break bread with you,  
and walk beside you in your travels.  
May you know Christ's hand in your hand  
and keeping of the Spirit  
until your seeking is over and God comes to find you.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## SONG Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues ...*  
singing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues ...*  
today and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **NOTICES**

## THE BLESSING

### GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The president gives to the baptised a lighted candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle.*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN – MAKING MELODIES IN MY HEART