Reminder of baptism

NOTES

1 This rite is adapted from the rite for the Anniversary of Baptism. It is not intended for use in a public worship service. It is suitable for situations such as in the home.

2 The leader may be a family member or visitor. The person celebrating the anniversary may even use the rite by himself/herself.

3 The responses may be said by the person celebrating the anniversary or by those present.

4 The hymn given here is a modernised version of LH 279 (by T H Kingo, translated by G T Rygh, altered).

5 The Catechism quotations are from the version Luther’s Small Catechism (Openbook Publishers, 1996). The Large Catechism quotation is from Luther’s Large Catechism: Anniversary Translation by Friedemann Hebart (Lutheran Publishing House, 1983), altered for inclusive language.

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### IN THE NAME

The sign of the cross is made as the leader says:

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### HYMN/SONG

The following or another appropriate hymn or song may be sung. Baptised into thy name most holy (LHS 277) (or modernised version), Father welcomes (LHS 826, ATN 4), I am baptised (LHS 828), I was made a Christian (LHS 829), The baptism song (ATA 118), Amigos de Cristo (ATE 228), and I was there to hear your borning cry (ATO 320) are suitable.

**1 All who believe and are baptised**

**will see the Lord’s salvation.**

**Baptised into the death of Christ,**

**they are a new creation.**

**Through Christ’s redemption they will stand**

**among the glorious heavenly band**

**of people from each nation.**

**2 So hear us, Father, as we pray:**

**Send us your Holy Spirit.**

**Have mercy on us day by day**

**through Jesus’ blood and merit.**

**And keep us in baptismal grace,**

**until at last we take our place**

**with all who life inherit.**

### CATECHISM

One of the following questions and answers from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism is read.

EITHER

What does baptism give us?

**In baptism God gives us**

**forgiveness of sins,**

**freedom from death and the devil,**

**and life with God forever.**

**God gives these things**

**to everyone who believes**

**what he has promised.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ says:**

**Whoever believes and is baptised**

**will be saved,**

**but whoever does not believe**

**will be condemned.**

OR

What does baptism mean for everyday living?

**Because we have been baptised,**

**we should keep on drowning**

**the old nature we were born with;**

**everything selfish and sinful in us**

**has to die.**

**This happens when day after day**

**we are sorry for the wrong things**

**we have done**

**and ask God to forgive us.**

**And the new nature**

**God has given us in baptism**

**should come to life day after day.**

**We should live as new people,**

**who do what is right and good**

**and live with God forever.**

### WORD OF GOD

St Paul writes in Romans 6: When we were baptised, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptised, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

The leader or person may read a Psalm or other Scripture reading as well.

### READING FROM LARGE CATECHISM

Martin Luther says in his Large Catechism: You can see what a great and excellent thing baptism is. It snatches us from the devil’s jaws, makes us God’s own, and stifles sin and takes it away. Then it strengthens the new person each day, and always keeps on working, and lasts until we pass from this misery to eternal glory. So each of us should look on baptism as our daily clothing which we are to wear all the time. We should keep on practising faith and its fruits so as to stifle the old person and to grow up in the new.

### RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

OR

Do you reject the devil and everything he does (, so that you will no longer be led by him)?

**Yes, I do.**

N, do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**Yes, I do.**

Do you 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, dead, and buried? He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Yes, I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**Yes, I do.**

*\*or*: Catholic; *‘catholic’ here means ‘universal’*

Do you intend to remain faithful to the Triune God as long as you live?

**Yes, I do.**

### PRAYER

EITHER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving N new birth by water and the Spirit and forgiving him/her all his/her sins. Strengthen him/her with your Spirit, so that he/she may honour your holy name and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

OR

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for making us yours in baptism. Day after day put to death everything selfish and sinful in us, and bring to life the new self. Help us to live as new people, who do what is right and good. Send your holy angel to be with us, so that the devil will have no power over us.

**Amen.**

### LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

The blessing of almighty God, Father, Son † and Holy Spirit, be with us always.

**Amen.**