

CHAPTER 2 PRAYER SERVICE

All: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”

Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: When we are baptized, we become sons and daughters of God the Father. It is easy to forget this miraculous identity in the midst of life’s daily tasks and struggles, “yet so we are.” Therefore, let us remember and renew our baptismal promises, rejoicing in the great love the Father has for us. Our response will be “I do.”

Leader: Do you reject Satan?

All: I do.

Leader: And all his works?

All: I do.

Leader: And all his empty promises?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Leader: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us pray.

All: We believe in you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fill our hearts with your radiance

and make us children of light!

Fill us, too, with your life.

Make us children of the Father

and one in you.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

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