

We Belong

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“Yes, Lord, I Believe!,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 7.

Procession

Leader: *Let us begin with the Sign of the Cross.*

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

Leader: *May the peace of the Lord be with you.*

All: *And with your spirit.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: *Heavenly Father, at Baptism, we were joined to your Son, Jesus Christ, and welcomed into the family of the Church. Hear our prayer as we remember our Baptism. We ask this through your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns forever.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Reader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.
Read John 15:1–7.*

Reader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Sit silently.*

Reflection

- What does the image of the vine and branches suggest to you about your relationship with Jesus?

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Leader: *Let us stand and renew our baptismal promises.*

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God’s children?

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin?*

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?*

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, God’s only Son, our Lord?*

All: *I do.*

Leader: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?*

All: *I do.*

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The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: *At the Savior’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
Say the Lord’s Prayer together.*

Closing Prayer

Leader: *May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Go in peace.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

