

We Are Welcomed

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“We Are Marching,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 2.

Procession

Leader: *Let us pray.
Make the Sign of the Cross together.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: *Good and gracious God, send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the good news of your Son, Jesus, the Light of the World. We ask this in his name.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.
Read Luke 19:1–10.*

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Reflection

- Which part of the story of Zacchaeus do you like the best? Why?

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Leader: *Jesus is the Light of the World.
Light the candle.*

*Let us 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, his only Son, our Lord?*

All: *I do.*

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

All: *I do.*

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Closing Prayer

Leader: *Loving God, thank you for the Light of Christ. Send us the Holy Spirit to help us live as children of light.*

All: *Amen.*

