



OPENING SENTENCES

We do not have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law,
but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith. (*Phil 3:9*)

THE INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.

Father giving his salvation.

Life for ever has been won.

1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these.

Life and love I have to give,

Mercy for your sin.

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.

Father giving his salvation.

Life for ever has been won.

2. In the water, in the Word,
in his promise be assured:

Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again.

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.

Father giving his salvation.

Life for ever has been won.

3. Let us daily die to sin;
let us daily rise with him -

Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God.

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.
Father giving his salvation.
Life for ever has been won.

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Finn's Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

ADDRESS

The word of God teaches that we are born sinful and unclean, but God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God cleanses us from all sin, delivers us from death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

PROMISES

Since you have brought Finn to be baptised, you now take on responsibility for his upbringing in the Christian Church.

- Pray for him;
- Bring him to worship in God's house;
- Teach him the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments;
- Remind him of his baptism;
- Give him a good example by your own faith and life;
- Provide for him continued formation and instruction in the Christian Faith.

Do you promise to fulfil these responsibilities?

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS_

Finn, receive the mark of the holy cross †, as a sign that Christ the crucified has redeemed you.

RECEPTION OF GOSPEL

Finn, receive the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ who says: Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we thank you that in the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Send down your Holy Spirit on Finn, so that his sins may be washed away in the waters of baptism; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us ask the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ on Finn, and pray together the prayer he 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.**

RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION

Parents and sponsors of Finn and members of St Paul's:

Answer on behalf of Finn as he renounces the devil and declares allegiance to the Triune God.

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

Then let us join together in confessing the Faith of the Church, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BAPTISM

Finn Benjamin Naughtin,

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

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS_

Finn, may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his Spirit, so that you receive eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Finn with the continued presence of your Holy Spirit.

As you have written his name in the book of life and have made him a member of the body of your Son, guide Finn so that, with all your saints, he may reach his heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECEPTION

Members of St Paul's congregation:

Receive Finn, whom God has given to us as our brother in Christ. Pray for him and be a good example to him.

Let us welcome Finn.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord + be with you.

Amen.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

or THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Dear friends in Christ:

Let us come before our loving God, trusting in his grace and mercy

Merciful God,

you have planted us in the vineyard of your love and given us everything we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

Yet we confess that we have not always received your gifts with gratitude.

We have turned away from your Word, neglected your grace, and failed to bear the fruits of justice, mercy and love.

Forgive us, renew us, and by your Holy Spirit help us to receive your finest gift, Jesus Christ,

so that our lives may bear good fruit for the sake of the world.

Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



or THE ABSOLUTION

Hear the good news: God does not give up on us.

Through Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son,

God has given us the finest gift: forgiveness, mercy, new life and hope.

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you.

On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command,

I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe,

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

Peace be with you. **Amen.**



PASSING OF THE PEACE



THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we faithfully do God's work.

Lord God,
you have planted your church
to be a flourishing fruitful vineyard.
Make us loyal and productive,
doing the work you have given us to do.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7 The song of the vineyard

I will sing for my beloved

my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,

why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his cherished garden;
 he expected justice
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness
 but heard a cry!

PSALM 80:7-15

Cantor:

Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

You bought a vine out of Egypt:

you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it:

It took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade:

The mighty cedars with its branches;

It sent out its branches to the sea:

And its shoots top the river.

Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

*Why then have you broken down its walls:
so that all who pass along the way
pluck its fruit?*

*The boar from the forest ravages it:
and all that move in the field feed on it.*

Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

*Turn again, O God of hosts:
look down from heav'n and see;
Have regard for this vine:
the stock that your right hand planted.*

Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

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THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14 Everything loss compared to Christ

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.



ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone: this was the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46 Parable of the tenants in the vineyard

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you
and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on
this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it
falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they
realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him,
but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

THE ADDRESS - God's finest drop

OFFERING HYMN TIS 473 Community of Christ

1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.

3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound -
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one forevermore.

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THE OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us
a foretaste of the feast to come.**



OFFERING PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord, for making us members of your kingdom
and calling us to be tenants in your vineyard.
Help us to remember that you are the owner of the vineyard,
the Lord of our lives, and we are responsible to you.**

**Make us obedient and productive, serving you and other people.
Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and good,

Lord God, holy Father,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For you have planted us in the vineyard of your grace

and entrusted us with the gifts of your love.

When we have failed to bear good fruit,

you have not abandoned us,

but have given us your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

your finest gift to the world.

Therefore, with all who receive your grace,

with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we adore and praise your glorious name:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.**

**In the same way he took the cup, after the supper,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**



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 forever.
Amen.**



THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. *(repeat)*

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION



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CHOIR: See us, Lord, about your altar
TIS 527

CHOIR: 1. See us, Lord, about your altar,
Though so many, we are one;
Many souls by love united
In the heart of Christ, your Son.

2. Hear our prayers, O loving Father,
Hear in them your Son, our Lord;
Hear him speak our love and worship
As we sing with one accord.

CONG: 3. Wheat and grape are rich with meaning:
Food and drink he is to all;
One in him we kneel adoring,
Gathered by his loving call.

4. Hear us yet: so much is needful
In our frail, disordered life;
Stay with us and tend our weakness
Till that day of no more strife.

5 Members of his Mystic Body,
Now we know our prayer is heard,
Heard by you because your children
Have received the eternal Word.

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CONG: TIS 203 Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Son of God, and Mary's son:
You will I cherish, You will I honour
You are my soul's delight and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
robed in the greenness and bloom of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

3. Fair are the flowers, fairer still the children
in all the freshness of youth arrayed;
yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;
Lord Jesus, yours will never fade.

4. Fair is the moonlight, fairer still the sunshine,
fair is the shimmering starry sky:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer
than all the heavenly host on high.

5. Jesus, all beauty, heavenly and earthly,
in you is wondrously found to be;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than you, my Saviour, are to me.

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THE DISMISSAL

The body of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life eternal.
Go in peace †. **Amen.**



POST-COMMUNION SONG

Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell everyone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.



THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
your Son has revealed
the wonder of your saving love in this sacrament.
Renew your people by your loving kindness,
and sustain us in all our weakness
by your mighty power.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.



THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you † peace
Amen.



THE COMMISSION

Go now as people planted in God's vineyard. Receive God's finest gift with gratitude.

Grow in faith through Word and water, bread and wine, forgiveness and community.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

TIS 168 For the fruits of all creation

1. For the fruits of all creation, Thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God;
For all the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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