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**REFLECTIONS**

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**Infant Baptism: Questions for Parents and Congregation**

1. Do you acknowledge that your child needs to be cleansed by the blood of Christ, and to be renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. God promises that anyone who trusts in Christ will be his child forever, and through Christ he promises to be “your God and the God of your descendants after you.” (Genesis 17:7) Do you claim these covenant promises on behalf of your child, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now, without any reservation, dedicate your child to God, and do you promise, humbly relying on God’s grace, that you will strive to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will instruct them in the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and that you will make every effort to teach them to honor and love the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation commit to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

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## GATHERING

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*Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

### Call to Worship

**Psalm 68:19-20, NIV**

**Rev. David Fisk**

Leader: *Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.*

All: Our God is a God who saves;  
from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

*Blessed Be Your Name*

### Prayer of Adoration

#### Apostles' Creed

Leader: *Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;

Leader: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord?*

People: I 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, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
The third day he arose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

Leader: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

People: 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.

\* that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Graham James Reinking

#### Children's Worship:

Parents who wish may send children in K5-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to meet their leaders in the Lobby.

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: *Eternal and merciful God,  
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,  
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.  
Yet, we have strayed from your way:*

All: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone,  
and we have wandered from your path.

Leader: *As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God,  
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.*

All: Grant us the grace to die daily to sin,  
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Words of Encouragement**

**II Corinthians 3:17-18, NIV**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

*Heal Us, Emmanuel*

#### **Prayer for Christ's Church and the World**

**Psalms 116:1, NIV**

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

#### **The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.*

#### **Worship through Giving**

**Romans 6:13, NIV**

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

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## **THE WORD**

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#### **Scripture Reading**

**II Corinthians 4:4-12, ESV**

Reader: Kerry Mallory

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;

perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

**Dr. Jimmy Agan**

**Rebuilding the Ruins: The Image of God Made Complete (Part 2)**

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**SENDING**

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*May the Peoples Praise You*

**Benediction**

**Romans 15:5-6 NIV**

*Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration*