



**Holy Baptism**  
**Merrick Finn Gillin**  
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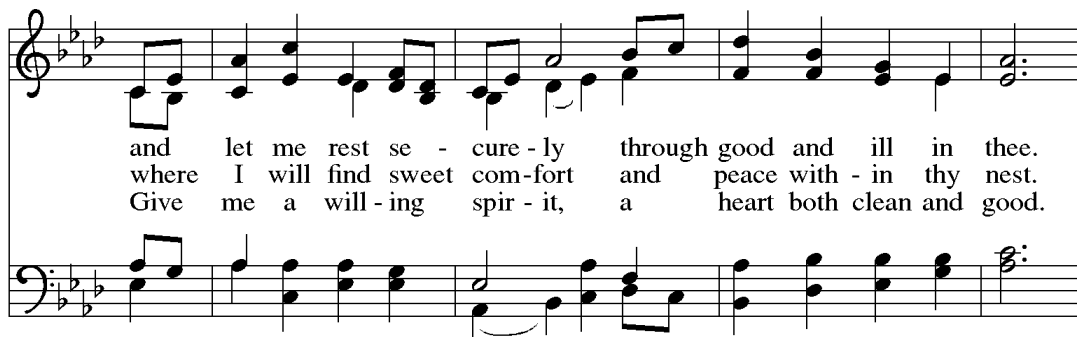
## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Song

### "Thy Holy Wings"



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## Scripture Reading

### Holy Baptism

#### Presentation

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents and others gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly may be seated.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors and/or parents for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates.*

#### **We present Merrick Finn Gillin for baptism.**

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Merrick baptized into Christ?

Response: **We do!**

As you bring Leo to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,  
bring *him* to the Word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten commandments,  
place in *his* hands the holy scripture,  
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,  
so that Merrick may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *him* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: **I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Merrick in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support Merrick and pray for *his* new life in Christ?

Response: **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

### Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

*The presiding minister leads the following or another form of thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Baptism**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Merrick Finn Gillin, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*

*and of the Son,*

*And of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

*Let us pray.*

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

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

*Sustain Merrick with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

*Merrick, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

*Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

*Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.*

## **Benediction**

*Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**All: Amen.**

## Sending

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

All: THANKS BE TO GOD!!

## Closing Song

### "Borning Cry"



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



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