

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - EPIPHANY 1-ABC
(THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST)

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: *By your holy baptism, Hear us, we pray.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For this Parish Family, that we who are baptized may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation in places of conflict, that the Prince of Peace will fill the hearts of decision-makers with wisdom and self-control and banish the shadow of enmity. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For an end to the worldwide pandemic, that God will free us from this dangerous virus, strengthen those who labor for our health, and give us grace to strive for the common good. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

For those who have died, remembering especially Mildred Diehm, that they may receive the fulfillment of that blessed hope bestowed in baptism. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God, through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***