

Space for God Someone Greater

PREPARATION

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism.

And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4

CONFESSION

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:12-14

ADORATION & GRATITUDE

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. Galatians 3:26-27

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—Mark 1:7-13

John announced: "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.
Reflect What does the text say?
Respond How does it relate to my life?
Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER

I have seen Your Salvation.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

*What affirmation have I received from my Heavenly Father recently?
What personal "wilderness" am I currently navigating?*

WISDOM

What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. Hebrews 5:8

And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. 1 John 5:6

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me/us?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, others, and me.*

BENEDICTION

**There is one Lord,
one faith,
one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all, in all, and living through all.**

-Amen-

Ephesians 4:5-6

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and
Speak and act from a listening heart.
Actively serve in community with others.