

With Great Joy! Order of Baptism for Children

November 19-20

Why include music in the celebration of baptism outside Mass?

Where should we include music?

Rite lists many places for music, but music is always optional.

- + Gathering (a psalm or hymn suitable for the occasion)
- + Procession to the place for Liturgy of the Word (e.g., Psalm 84:7, 8, 9ab)
- + Responsorial Psalm
- + After homily (a suitable song follows, e.g., one chosen from nos. 225-245)
- + Intercessions
- + Litany of the Saints (same form as Easter Vigil)
- + Procession to baptistery (e.g., Psalm 23)
- + Blessing and Invocation of God over Baptismal Water/Acclamation (chant)
- + Song after Profession of Faith (a suitable song by which the community expresses its faith with a single voice)
- + Acclamation after Baptism (one acclamation in place, "Blessed be God who chose you in Christ," other options listed in back of book)
- + Procession to the Altar (a baptismal song is appropriate, e.g. "You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia." Other songs may be chosen from nos. 225-245)
- + Lord's Prayer
- + Hymn after the blessing (suitably expresses thanksgiving and Easter joy, or the Magnificat)

Other Optional Acclamations

(OBC nos. 225-245; in the chapter entitled "Various Texts for Use in the Celebration of Baptism")

225. Who is like you, O Lord, among the strong?
Who is like you, magnificent in holiness.
Worthy of awe and praise, worker of wonders? (Ex 15:11)
226. God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)
227. God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God. (1 John 4:16)
228. There is one God and Father of all,
Who is over all and through all and in us all. (Eph 4:6)
229. Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed. (Ps 33:6)
230. Blessed be God who chose you in Christ. (cf. Eph 1:3-4)
231. You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:10)
232. You are God's children, my beloved,
And what you will be has not yet been revealed. (1 John 3:2)
233. What great love the Father has given you,
That you should be called and be children of God. (1 John 3:1)
234. Blessed are they who wash their robes
In the blood of the Lamb! (Rev 22:14)
235. All of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28)
236. Be imitators of God and walk in love,
As Christ has loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

Eph 5:1-2

Suggestions for Gathering Song

- + Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (HYMN TO JOY)
- + Baptized in Water (BUNESSAN)
- + God, Who at the Font Once Named Us (ST. THOMAS)
- + Spirit, Move Upon the Waters (NETTLETON)
- + One Lord (Soper)
- + Water of Life/Agua de Vida (Cortez)
- + River of Glory (Schutte)

Suggestions for Processional Song

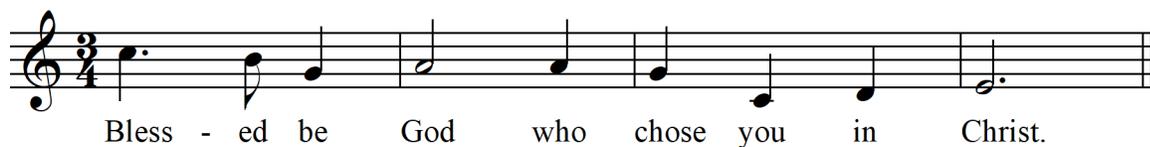
- + There Is One God (Duncan)
- + There Is One God (Batastini)
- + There Is One God (Haugen)

Suggestions for Acclamation after Profession of Faith

- + This Is Our Faith (ICEL)
- + This Is Our Faith (Duncan)
- + This Is Our Faith (Gardner)

Suggestions for Acclamation after Baptism

- + Blessed Be God Who Chose You in Christ (Englert)



Bless - ed be God who chose you in Christ.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The notes are aligned with the lyrics 'Bless - ed be God who chose you in Christ.' below the staff.

- + You Have Put On Christ (Hughes)
- + You Have Put on Christ (Duncan)

Introductions – find out who is present

- + How are baptisms celebrated in your parish?
How often? When? Communal? During Mass?
- + How are you incorporating music in these liturgies?

Why include music in the celebration of baptism outside Mass?

- + Same reasons given in STL

STL #2 “By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people

STL #5 Good music “make[s] the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively.”

- + What are we saying about baptism if the liturgy is too short?
- + If we say this is the foundational sacrament of our faith, shouldn't we give it more attention?

Experience at St. Michael

- + Cantors happy to do it
- + Helped cantors in their leadership

STL #207 It is important to recall the unique circumstances that often accompany the Baptism of children, along with the importance of singing envisioned by these rites. For this and certain other sacraments, cantors and other ministers will often need to develop the skill of leading unaccompanied singing.

- + Baptism liturgy more celebratory & communal
- + Music helps connect parts of the liturgy
- + Many families really appreciate it
- + Other experience??