Lord Jesus, forgive us for the times when we have failed to follow you as disciples should; baptize us with the fire of the Holy Spirit:

Christ have mercy: Christ have mercy.

Through the waters we are given the mystery of baptism for the remission of sins; Lord God wash us in the waters of your Spirit and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant:

Lord have mercy: Lord have mercy.

Almighty God who in Christ makes all things new, transform the poverty of your nature by the riches of his grace and with forgiveness renew your soul, making known in you his heavenly glory through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to his people on earth!
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Collect

Old Testament Reading
Genesis 1.1 – 5.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Reader This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 29 with response Hail to the Lord’s anointed!
Great David’s greater Son!
adding at the end The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever;
That Name to us is love.

Gospel Reading Mark 1. 4 – 11.

Reader This is the Good News of God with us
Praise to you O Christ.

followed by the address
Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life? I believe and trust in him.
Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? I believe and trust in him.
Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? I believe and trust in him.
This is the faith of the Church:
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God: Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you.

Intercessions,
concluding with
Our Father, who art in heaven,
    hallowed be thy name.
    Thy Kingdom come,
    thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
    Give us this day our daily bread
    and forgive us our trespasses
    as we forgive them that trespass against us;
    and lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
    For thine is the kingdom
    the power and the glory,
    for ever and ever, Amen.

Blessing

The Baptism of Christ

I bring you good news of great joy!
A Saviour has been born to you Alleluia!
He is proclaimed in the wilderness Alleluia!
He is anointed the Christ Alleluia!
He joins with us in baptism Alleluia!
His Name is Jesus our Lord and God.

Let us rejoice in the Word made flesh, who comes among us to reveal God’s glory. Let us pray for his mission throughout the world: may he open our lives to the wellsprings of eternal life and equip us to bring his blessings to others.

Blessed are you Lord our God,
    King of the Universe.
    You are our light
    And our salvation
    Glory to God in the highest!
    And peace to his people on earth.

Because God was merciful he saved us through the waters of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, but through sin we have fallen away from our baptism. Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises, confessing our sins in penitence.

God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light, and God saw the light was good.
Heavenly Father, separate us from the darkness in our lives and anoint us with your light:
    Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy.