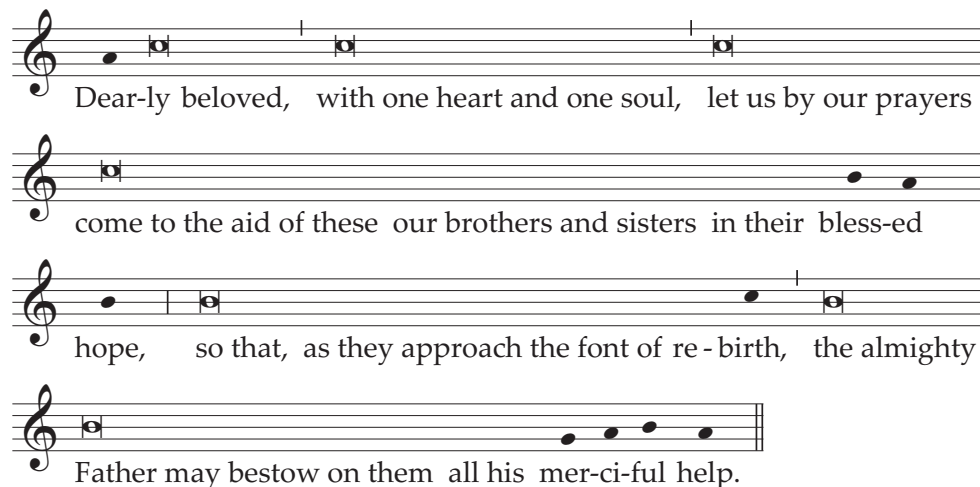


### THIRD PART: BAPTISMAL LITURGY

37. After the Homily the Baptismal Liturgy begins. The Priest goes with the ministers to the baptismal font, if this can be seen by the faithful. Otherwise a vessel with water is placed in the sanctuary.
38. Catechumens, if there are any, are called forward and presented by their godparents in front of the assembled Church or, if they are small children, are carried by their parents and godparents.
39. Then, if there is to be a procession to the baptistery or to the font, it forms immediately. A minister with the paschal candle leads off, and those to be baptized follow him with their godparents, then the ministers, the Deacon, and the Priest. During the procession, the Litany (no. 43) is sung. When the Litany is completed, the Priest gives the address (no. 40).
40. If, however, the Baptismal Liturgy takes place in the sanctuary, the Priest immediately makes an introductory statement in these or similar words.

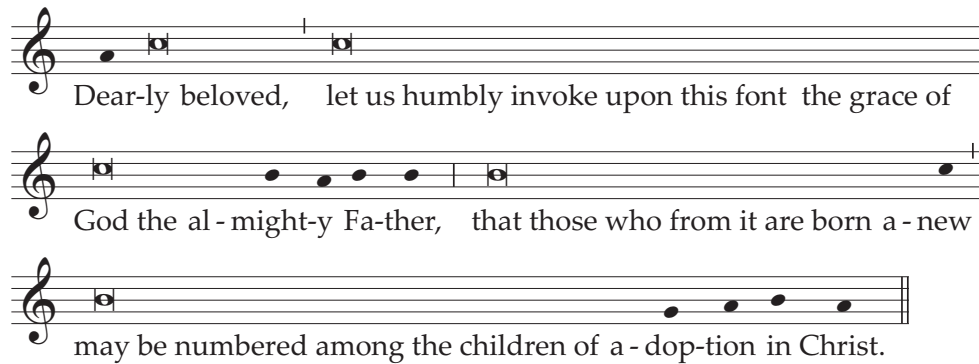
If there are candidates to be baptized:



Dear-ly beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers  
 come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their bless-ed  
 hope, so that, as they approach the font of re - birth, the almighty  
 Father may bestow on them all his mer-ci-ful help.

**Dearly beloved,  
 with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers  
 come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their  
 blessed hope,  
 so that, as they approach the font of rebirth,  
 the almighty Father may bestow on them  
 all his merciful help.**

If the font is to be blessed, but no one is to be baptized:



**Dearly beloved,  
let us humbly invoke upon this font  
the grace of God the almighty Father,  
that those who from it are born anew  
may be numbered among the children of adoption in Christ.**

41. The Litany is sung by two cantors, with all standing (because it is Easter Time) and responding.  
If, however, there is to be a procession of some length to the baptistery, the Litany is sung during the procession; in this case, those to be baptized are called forward before the procession begins, and the procession takes place led by the paschal candle, followed by the catechumens with their godparents, then the ministers, the Deacon, and the Priest. The address should occur before the Blessing of Water.

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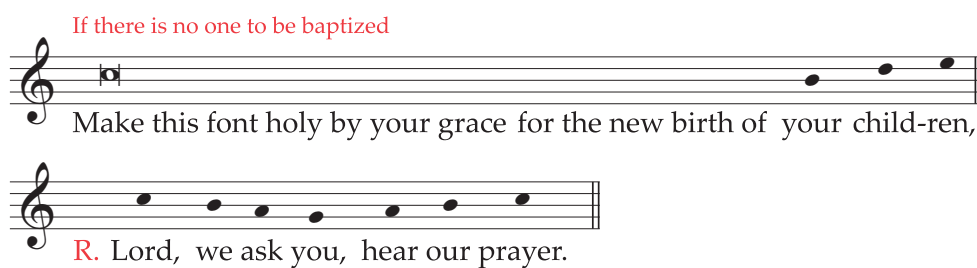
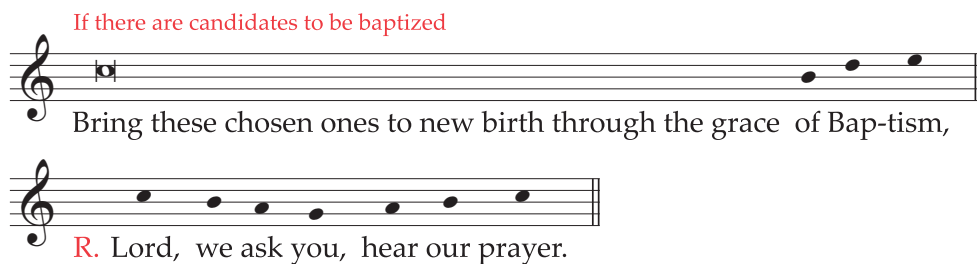
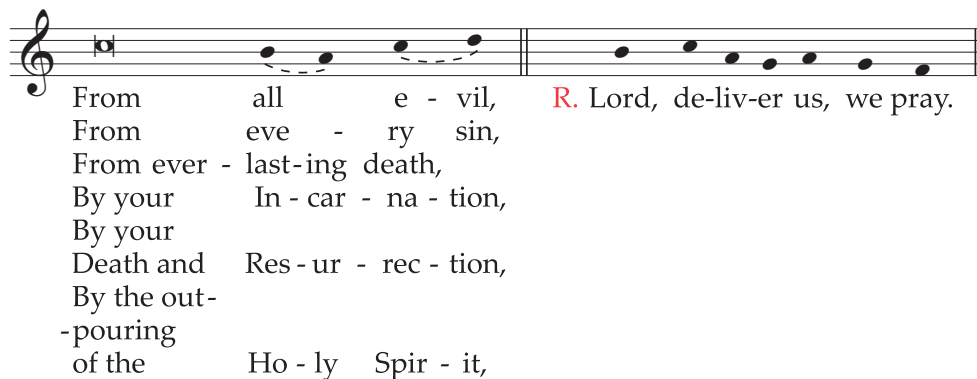
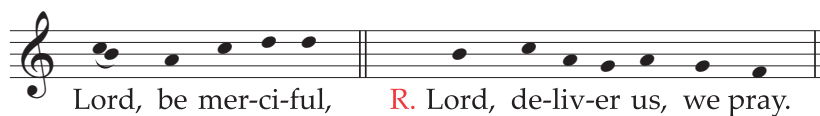
42. If no one is to be baptized and the font is not to be blessed, the Litany is omitted, and the Blessing of Water (no. 54) takes place at once.

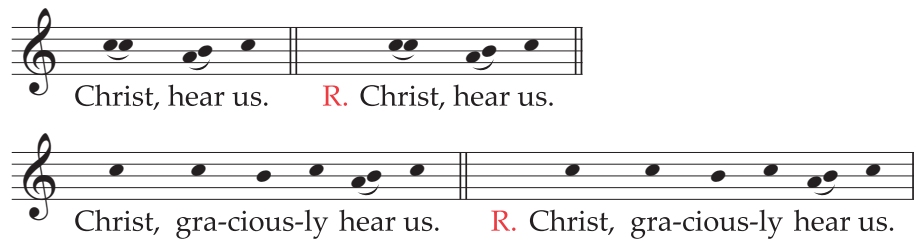
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43. In the Litany the names of some Saints may be added, especially the Titular Saint of the church and the Patron Saints of the place and of those to be baptized.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, [ ] R. pray for us.  
 Saint Mich - ael,  
 Holy Angels of God, [ ]  
 Saint John the Bap - tist,  
 Saint Jo - seph,  
 Saint Peter and Saint Paul, [ ]  
 Saint An - drew,  
 Saint John, [ ]  
 Saint Mary Mag - da - lene,  
 Saint Ste - phen,  
 Saint Ignatius of An - ti - och,  
 Saint Law - rence,  
 Saint Perpetua and Saint Fe - li - ci - ty,  
 Saint Ag - nes,  
 Saint Gre - go - ry,  
 Saint Au - gus - tine,  
 Saint Atha - na - sius,  
 Saint Bas - il,  
 Saint Mar - tin,  
 Saint Ben - e - dict,  
 Saint Francis and Saint Dom - i - nic,  
 Saint Francis Xa - vi - er,  
 Saint John Vi - an - ney,  
 Saint Catherine of Si - e - na,  
 Saint Teresa of Je - sus,  
 All holy men  
 and women, Saints of God, [ ]





If there are candidates to be baptized, the Priest, with hands extended, says the following prayer:

**Almighty ever-living God,  
be present by the mysteries of your great love  
and send forth the spirit of adoption  
to create the new peoples  
brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism,  
so that what is to be carried out by our humble service  
may be brought to fulfillment by your mighty power.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.**