

Sign of Blessing



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A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We were signed by your cross which tells us of your great love. We know that you are with us always. Help us to be completely with you today.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen

At Baptism, you were signed with the Cross.

“My dear children, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of the cross. I now trace the cross on your foreheads, and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.”

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"Let us not be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the cross our seal, made with boldness by our fingers and on our brow and in everything: over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our goings out and our comings in; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we awake; when we are travelling, and when we are at rest."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, who died around A.D. 386

