





*and around the world. Those whose lives were taken unjustly and whose families have been denied justice.*

### **Final Reading and Blessing**

*Rev. Irma Banales (in Spanish):* Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

*Bishop Gronberg:* Looking to Jesus and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, may we live forgiven, running the race God has set before us both now and to eternity, in the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



*Rev. Fitting-Snyder:* Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God and together affirm our baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

*As we recite the Apostles Creed you are invited to do so in Spanish or English*

*Bishop Gronberg:*

¿Creen ustedes en Dios Padre?

**Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso,  
creador del cielo y de la tierra.**

¿Creen ustedes en Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios?

**Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor.  
Fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo  
y nació de la Virgen María.  
Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,  
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado.  
Descendió a los muertos.  
Al tercer día resucitó,  
subió a los cielos,  
y está sentado a la diestra del Padre.  
Volverá para juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.**

¿Creen ustedes en Dios el Espíritu Santo?

**Creo en el Espíritu Santo,  
la santa iglesia católica,  
la comunión de los santos,  
el perdón de los pecados,  
la resurrección del cuerpo,  
y la vida eterna. Amén**

### **Affirmation**

*Rev. Kris Totzke:* You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response:* **I do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*If available, dip your finger into the water bowl and make the sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.*

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you, Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and forever.

**Amen**

## **Closing of a Synod or Churchwide Assembly**

*Bishop Gronberg and Rev. Irma Banales:*

Jesus said, You will be my witnesses

**to the ends of the earth.**

Jesús dijo, ustedes serán mis testigos

**Hasta el final de la tierra.**

I chose you and appointed you

**to bear fruit that will last.**

Te elegí y te nombré

**para dar frutos que perduren.**

Remember, I will be with you always,

**to the end of time.**

Recuerda que estaré contigo siempre

**hasta el fin de los tiempos.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

El señor este contigo.

**Y tambien contigo.**

Let us pray.

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Bishop Gronberg:* I declare this assembly closed  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Go in peace. Share the good news.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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