

Opening Prayer; O God, you have
 have manifested your glory thru
 your Son and have made us to
 your own people by the waters
 of baptism. Bless your Church
 today. Inspire, strengthen, and send
 your servants into the world. Let your
 mercy be known to those who do
 not know you. By the power of the
 Holy Spirit help us to be the light
 of the world, the children of all nations
 will turn to you and the salvation
 offered by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer -

God of all Creation, we worship
 you this morning on the lips
 of expectation. What a good and loving
 parent you are to us, your children.
 By your grace we have been called
 to worship. In your grace we are
 sent into the world to be in
 ministry in the name and love of
 Jesus, our Christ.

Fill us today with the power of your
 Holy Spirit as we remember the baptism of
 Jesus and our own baptisms. We claim the
 ministry of every baptized Christian. May
 that ministry reach out to every person
 in the world without regard of age
 or gender, race or color, need or station in life.

You have called your Church
to be your servant in the world.
Equip ~~to~~ us today by your grace
for that servanthood, that ministry.
In the name of Jesus Christ we
pray —

