

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM – <Name>**

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Water may be poured into the font as the leader gives thanks.*

**Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

*The leader says one of the following prayers or another appropriate prayer.*

*Option 1:*

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring,  
you are the fire of rebirth.**

**Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.**

*Here particular bodies or sources of water may be named.*

**[for Catfish Creek and the Mississippi River.]**

**Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.**

**Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.**

**You are the fountain of resurrection.**

**Praise to you for your saving waters:**

**Noah and the animals survive the flood,**

**Hagar discovers your well.**

**The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.**

**Naaman washes his leprosy away,**

**and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.**

**Praise to you for the water of baptism**

**and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.**

**Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.**

**Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.**

**Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

**Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

*OR*

*Option 2:*

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
[By the baptism of his death and resurrection  
your Son set us free from sin and death  
and opened to us the way to everlasting life.]  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
[Buried with Christ in his death,  
you raise us to share in his resurrection.]  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*OR*

*Option 3:*

**We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,  
for you created the waters of the earth:  
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.  
*Here particular bodies or sources of water may be named.*  
[for Catfish Creek and the Mississippi River.]  
You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with  
you.  
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.  
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.  
Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.  
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

*OR*

*Option 4:*

**Gracious God,**

**we praise you for the new life you have given us in baptism.**

**We thank you for the saving Word that claimed us as your children  
and for the bread of life and cup of salvation that nourish us.**

**Through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
bless us and strengthen us in the household of faith  
so that we may serve each other in peace.**

**Through the turning of the days  
and the changing of the seasons,  
hold us secure in your loving arms,  
and by the light of the risen Christ  
lead us at last into the presence of your unfading light.**

**Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

*OR*

*Option 5:*

**We give you praise, O God,**

**that in baptism you have led us from the night of sin  
to the dawning of a new day.**

**We give you praise that, buried with Christ in baptism,  
we too shall rise with him and walk in the light as your children.**

**Receive our praise through Jesus Christ,  
the resurrection and the life,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

*OR*

*Option 6:*

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
creator of all things,**

**for you brought forth a new creation in Christ.  
Through baptism you have made us children,  
dead to sin and alive to you.  
You have washed us,  
filled us with your love,  
and sustained us with your Spirit.  
Therefore we praise you  
and give you our loving thanks,  
for your mercy endures forever.  
Amen.**

*OR*


*Option 7:*

**Gracious Lord, we thank you  
for the new life you have given us through Holy Baptism.  
Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit,  
and increase in us the gifts of grace:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**


## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*A baptismal hymn or canticle may be sung, and the assembly may gather at the font.*

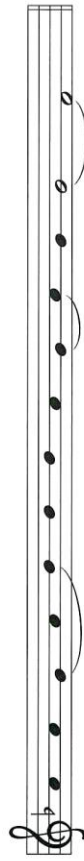
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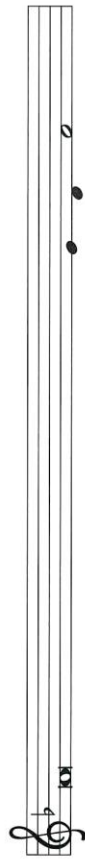


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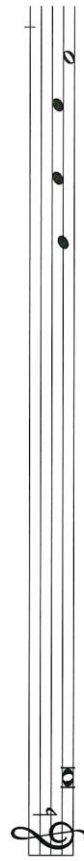
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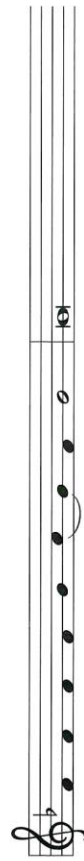
Ever - living God, author of cre - a - tion, we give you thanks




for your gift of water that brings life and refresh - es the earth.



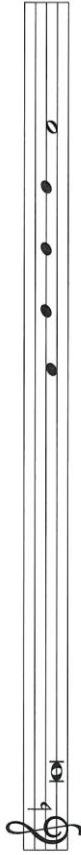
We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin



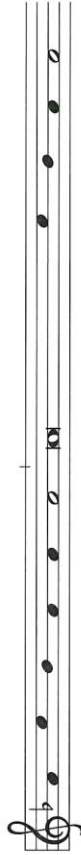
and re - ceive ev - er - last - ing life. Join us again this day to the sav -



ing death of Christ; renew in us the liv - ing foun - tain of your grace;



and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in new - ness of life;



for you are mer - ci - ful, and you love your whole cre - a - tion,



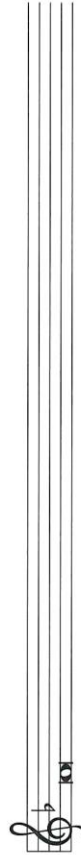
and with all your crea - tures we give you glory, through your Son Je - sus Christ,



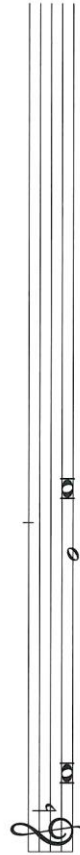
in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

*As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water, and "We praise you, O God" (#227, 228, 414) or another hymn or canticle related to baptism may be sung.*

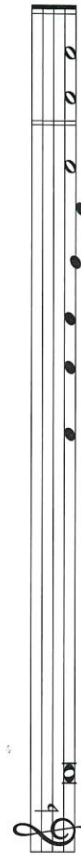
*The leader addresses the assembly in these or similar words.*



Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit



and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the



Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - men.

*The greeting of peace may be shared by all.*