

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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Almighty God, the Lover, Beloved and Love itself, you provide the waters of life:

Water for washing, water for drinking, water for splashing, water for sustaining the earth.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

You have rescued your people from peril:

Delivering Noah and his family from the flood.

Leading the Israelites to safety through the Red Sea.

Providing water from a rock in the wilderness of Sinai.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

You have offered waters that save:

Water from the river that healed Naaman from his leprosy.

Water from the Jordan where John stood and baptized.

Water mixed with blood that flowed from Jesus' side on the cross.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

Come now, O Holy Spirit, and shower your presence among us here.

Restore us. Cleanse us. Refresh us. Make us one with you.

Amen.