

## Thanksgiving for Baptism During a Global Pandemic

Holy God, source of living water,

**all life flows out from you.**

In this time of uncertainty, with a future unknown, let us give thanks to our God who is always with us.

In the days of chaos,

Your voice moved over the water and life sprang forth.

In the days of the flood,

You kept Noah and his family safe from harm.

In the days of fleeing Egypt,

You separated the sea so your people could pass.

In the days of wandering in the wilderness,

You made water flow from a rock.

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Through the baptism of Jesus, all water is made holy.

The water that nourishes the land.

The water we drink.

The water we bath in.

The water we use to wash our hands so many times a day.

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**all life flows out from you.**

We praise you for the gift of baptism that binds us to one another and to you.

*All are invited to play with water in a bowl.*

As we play with this precious water, remind us of who we are: your beloved children.

Help us see each person as a member of your body.

Ease our anxieties and strengthen our resolve to care for each other.

Deepen our faith.

*All make the mark of the cross with the water on the forehead.*

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**Amen.**

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