

## **Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism**

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Lord give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keep his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan. We bless you for your new creation, brought to us by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit come down upon your people.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement, anoint your children with power from on high, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

God of truth,

you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us; look in mercy on your people.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism and failed to be your disciples.

Though we are saved by Christ and dead to sin through the deep waters of death, we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

We have shown indifference to those in need and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

We have been slow to forgive and have failed to remember your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan. Through water you have given us the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins.

Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

Almighty God,  
in our baptism you consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**