



Water—tears, rain, ocean, river, or puddle,

Water makes us a family with whom no one can muddle.

Water, for this gift, O God, we have much gratitude.

Water, wash us again, bring us into right attitude.

To you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

One God for One Body,

be all glory, honor and praise forever. Amen.

Baptism and Welcome

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

You Summon Us to Visions

AURELIA

***You summon us to visions of what this world can be,
of hope and peace and freedom for all humanity.
For justice we will labor for every human soul
till greed and hatred vanish, and humankind is whole.***

***The path you bid us follow is not an easy road,
and doubt or pain or conflict will sometimes be our load.
Lord, grant us strength and courage to walk the way you trod,
till we behold in glory the radiant face of God.***

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GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Easter people, have you heard the news?

Christ is here! In our hearts, in our lives, and in our midst.

Christ is our companion on this road of faith.

We come, ready for Christ to open our eyes.

Alleluia! Let us worship God.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.***

***Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.***

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt. PD MUSIC: Joh Hughes, 1907 PD

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

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We linger joyfully with these lessons for a season!

We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!

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and support to the challenged. **We give you thanks and praise. Alleluia!**

... and act as if you have no claim on our lives, **forgive us;**
... but we default to what is comfortable and safe, **forgive us;**
... but we make little room in our lives for gestures of mercy, **forgive us.**

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while walking side-by-side—with our neighbors,
for our neighbors, and for you. **Alleluia! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

TEXT: stanza 4. Charles Wesley, 1740, PD MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. from The Compleat Psalmist, 1749 PD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

DUET *O Jesus, I Have Promised* arr. Timothy Shaw

Sue Anderson, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor

SERMON "With" is Hard Rev. Laura Viau

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Eliza Kate Russ

(Daughter of Andy & Lauren Russ, and Granddaughter of Rusty & Polly Russ)

Profession of Faith

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the

Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and

the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

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.

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that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth.

Water, water everywhere, even some to drink.

Water, water everywhere, in every tub and sink.

Water for all life on earth, **water as witness to every new birth.**

Water, longed for in deserts so bare. **Water, a gift so precious to share.**

Water in bottles, in cups, in glasses,

Water washes our hands and our lashes.

Water carries God's promise forever,

That nothing can us, from God's love, sever.

Water, in baptism, carries the hope.

Water, in baptism, gets us cleaner than soap.