

A Service of Baptism

As adapted from *The Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA, 1993, pp. 410-411),
The Book of Common Prayer (1979, pp. 302-303),
and the *Eastern Orthodox Baptismal Liturgy*
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Titus 3:3-8

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925
Music: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
Thomas John Williams, 1890

Romans 6:1-14

There Is a Fountain

Text: William Cowper, 1771
Music: FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6., Lowell Mason, 1830

Isaiah 43:1-6

How Firm a Foundation

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787
Music: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11. Traditional American Melody,
in J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

Matthew 3:1-3,11-17; 11:25-30

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Text: Horatio Bonar, 1846
Music: VOX DILECTI C.M.D. John B. Dykes, 1868



Prayer of Redemption

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears.

Spare us, good Lord.

Spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart,
and contempt for your Word and commandments.

Good Lord, deliver us.

Before the Throne, v. 1

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft

Music: Vikki Cook © PDI Music, 1997, CCLI #167849

By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
and by your proclamation of the Kingdom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your bloody sweat and bitter grief; by your cross and suffering;
and by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Before the Throne, v. 2

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity; in the hour of death,
and on the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Before the Throne, vv. 3



Passing of the Peace





At the Water

Renunciations and Affirmations

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Confessing the Faith (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water (Reader 1, Reader 2, Together)

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.

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.

**In the beginning of time,
your Spirit moved over the watery chaos,
calling forth order and life.**

In the time of Noah,
you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood,
giving righteousness a new beginning.

**You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.**

In the waters of Jordan
Jesus was baptized by John
and anointed with your Spirit.

**By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death,
and opened the way to eternal life.**

Do you yourself, O loving King,
be present now also through the descent of your Holy Spirit
and hallow this water, that by it our baptism may be renewed.

**In your hands may it be for us a Grace of Redemption
and a Blessing from Jordan.**

Cause it to be for us a fountain of incorruption,
a gift of sanctification, a loosing of sins,
a healing of sickness, a destruction of demons.

**We call upon your name, O Lord,
which is wonderful, and glorious, and terrible to its adversaries.**

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism.

In it we were buried with Christ in his death.

From it we were raised to share in his resurrection,

Through it we were reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

**We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism
may continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**



Thanksgiving over the Oil

Sovereign Lord and Master, God of our Fathers,
you sent to Noah in the Ark a dove bearing a twig of olive:
a sign of reconciliation and salvation from the flood.
With the fruit of the olive you anointed servants
in the line of David and Aaron
to be kings and priests over your people Israel,
toward the goal of the restoration of all humanity
as kings and priests and prophets under you.
In like fashion, you anointed your blessed Son by the Holy Spirit
to be *the* great King and Priest and Prophet of Israel,
so that she might fulfill her destiny
to be a light to the nations
and vanguard of a new creation.

And by that same Spirit you baptized us into your body,
sealed us as sons and daughters and heirs,
and anointed us to be a kingdom of priests and a band of prophets.
By this oil, renew us in our Holy Spirit baptism:
its sealing, its anointing, and its empowerment. Amen.

Anointing with Oil



Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton, 1779 & *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Music: AMAZING GRACE C.M., Anonymous

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’ praise than when we’ve first begun.