

The Baptism of Jesus Hymns

Entrance Hymn: River of Glory (BB 650)

Refrain

River of glory, springs of our birth,
Flood of God's riches poured on the earth
We are born from the darkness and clothed in the light!
We are bathed in the glory of God

Fountain of mercy, grace flowing free,
Streams of salvation, spilling with love from a tree. **Refrain**

Here there is haven, healing and health,
Joy for the asking, love in abundance of wealth. **Refrain**

Bread for our journey God will provide.
Hope for all ages, Jesus, companion and guide. **Refrain**

Darkness is banished, night turned away.
Christ is our sunlight, lifting and leading our way. **Refrain**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.
Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
you will find what you long for, the riches of our God. **Refrain**

You shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
You shall flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table. **Refrain**

May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart. **Refrain**

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (repeat)

God's love pours out on all people;
Be baptized, be renewed, in this water of life.

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Preparation of the Gifts Come to the Water (BB 617)

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
Without our money, without price,
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

and let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord,
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

Communion Song: Behold the Lamb (BB 336)

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
we who live, we who die are grateful for God's gift, thankful for God's love.

Refrain

Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know God's glory.

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share. **Refrain**

Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace. **Refrain**

Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song Down to the River to Pray (BB 655)

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and
who shall wear the starry crown - Good Lord, show me the way!
O *sisters, let's go down, come one down.
O *sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Song of Sending: City of God (BB 388)

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God, may our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free. **Refrain**

God is light; in him there is not darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
Of comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth. **Refrain**