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In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

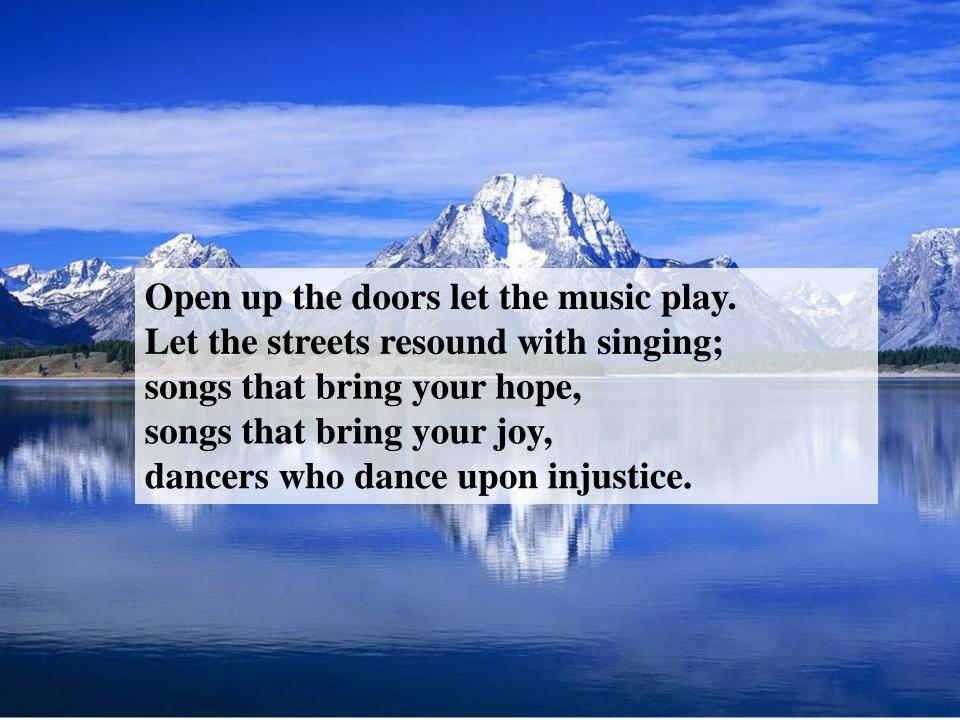
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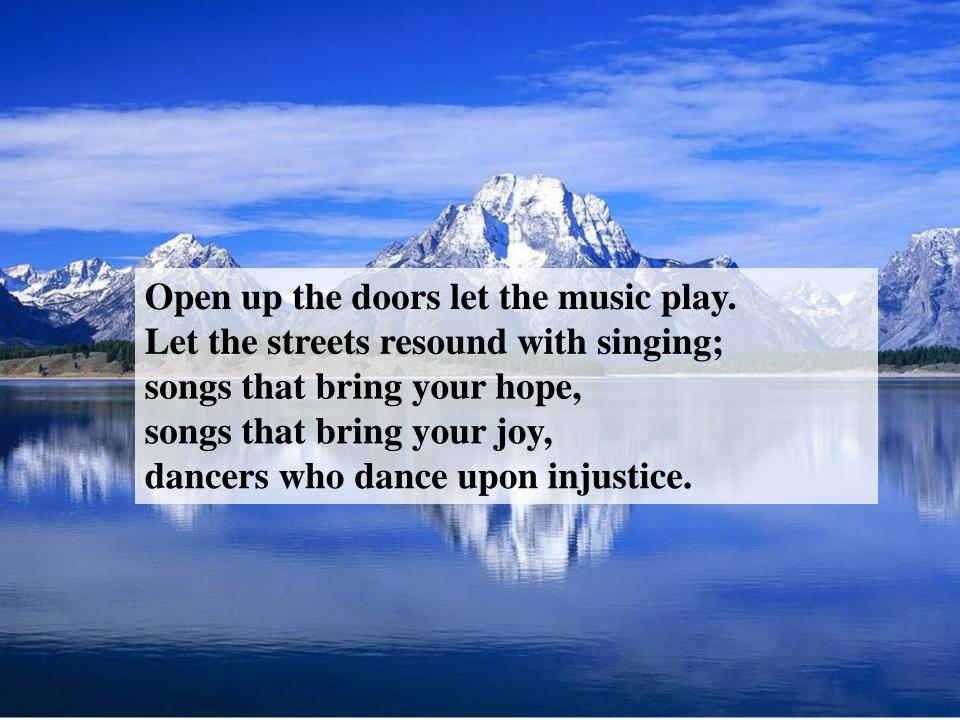
Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar
when the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ, the risen one?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar when the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving one? And we can see that, God, you're moving, a mighty river through the nations; and young and old will turn to Jesus. Fling wide you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors let the music play, Let the streets resound with singing; Songs that bring your hope, songs that bring your joy, dancers who dance upon injustice. Do you feel the darkness tremble when all the saints join in one song, and all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that, God, you're moving, a time of jubilee is coming, when young and old return to Jesus. Fling wide, you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.







Revelation Song

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Worthy is the lamb
who was slain;
holy, holy is he;
sing a new song to him
who sits on
heaven's mercy seat.



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Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise king.



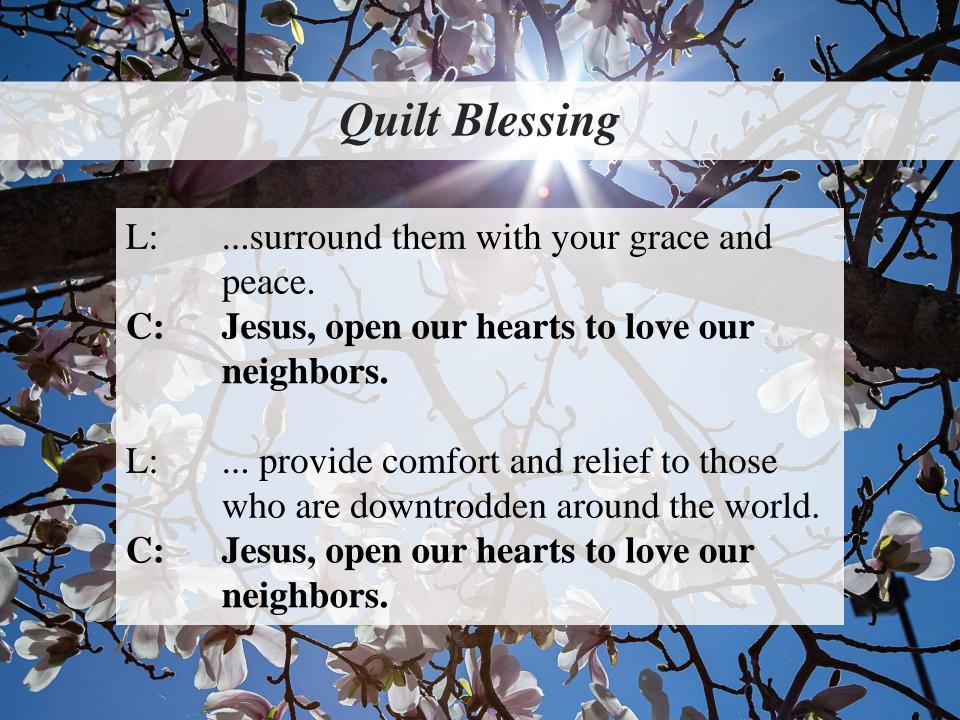


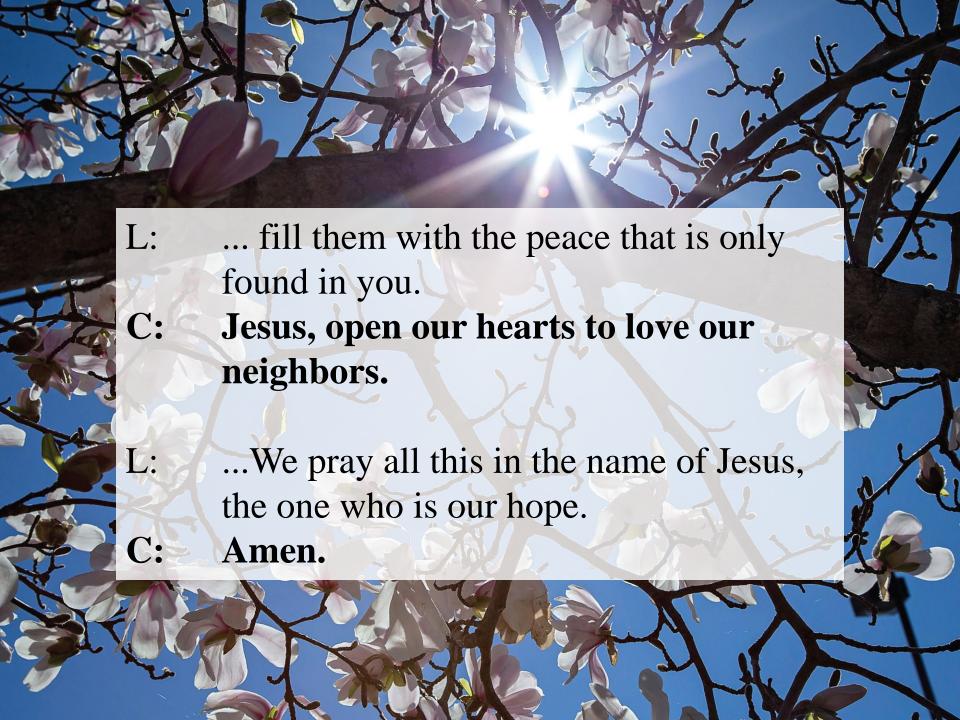
Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name; Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a mary'lous mystery.

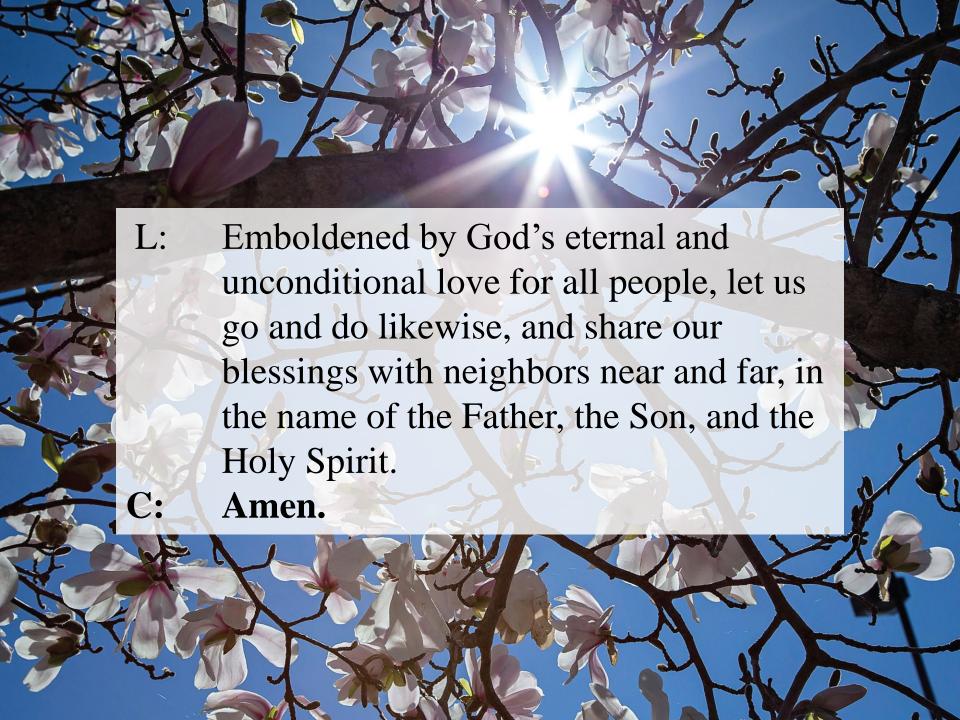














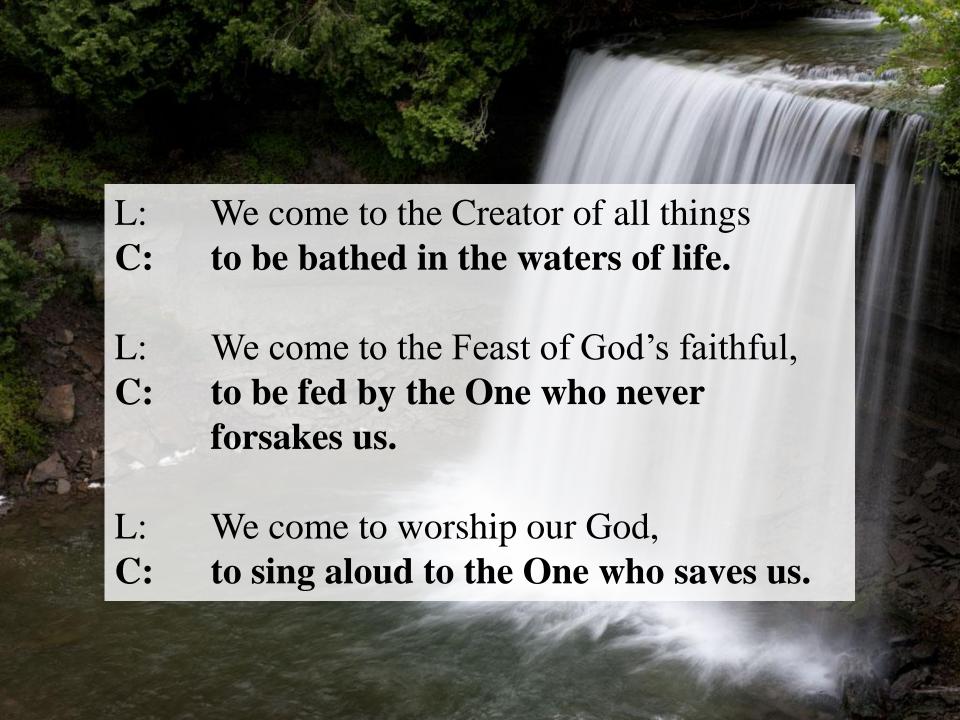


L: We come to worship our God

C: to listen to the One who calls us here.

L: We come to worship our God

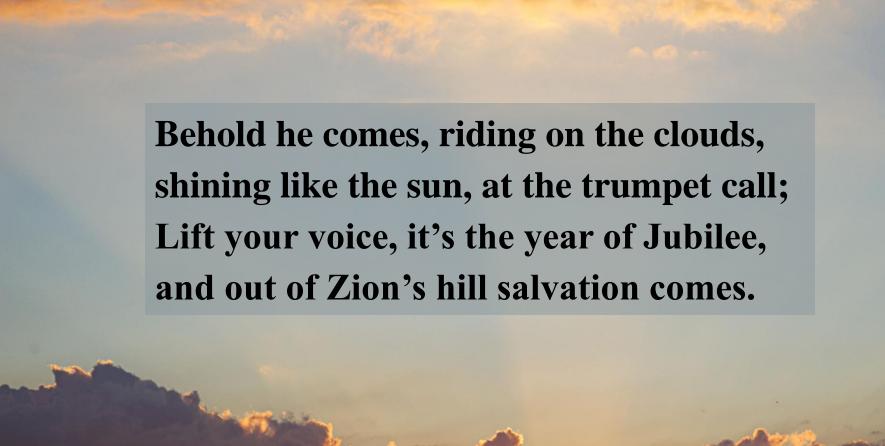
C: to shout with joy to the God of all people.



Days of Elijah

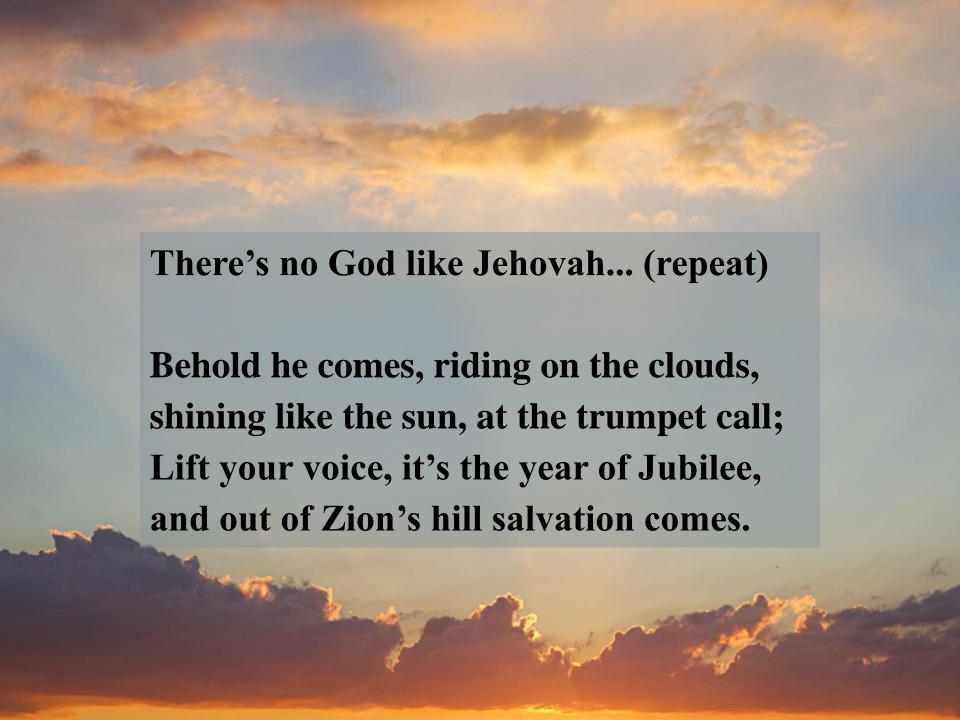
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These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

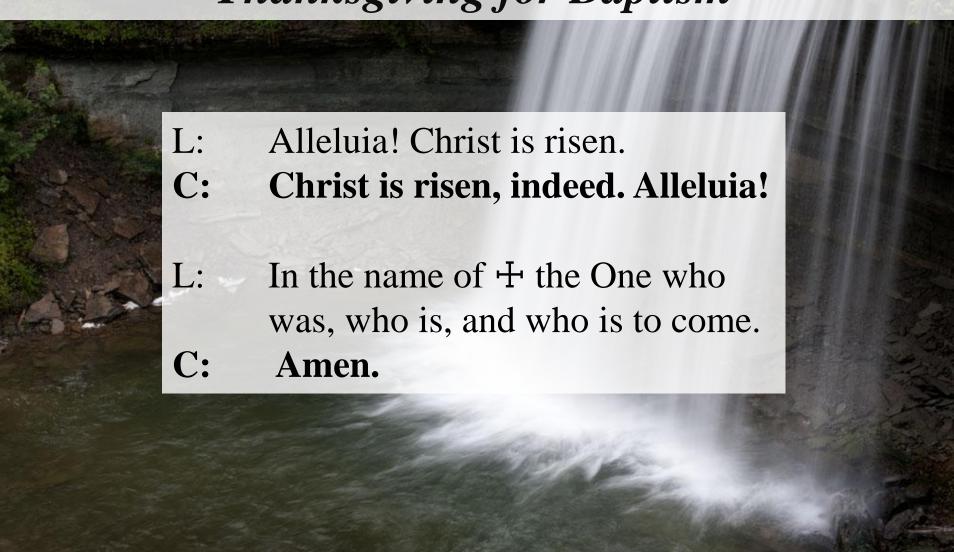


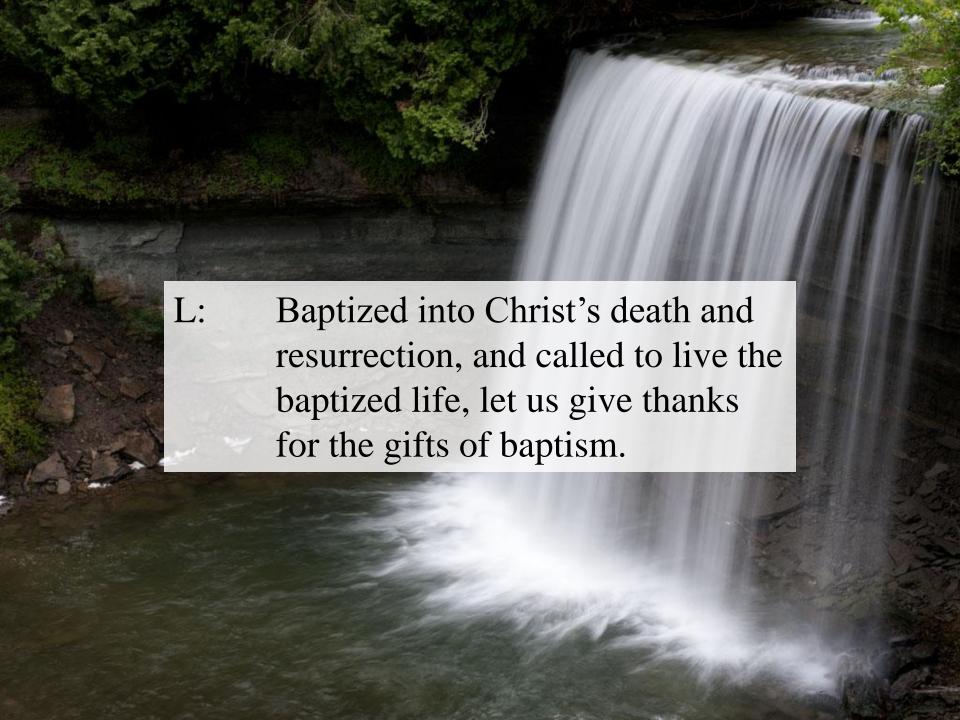
These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; And these are the days of your servant David, rebuilding the temple of praise; And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in your world; And we are the laborers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.

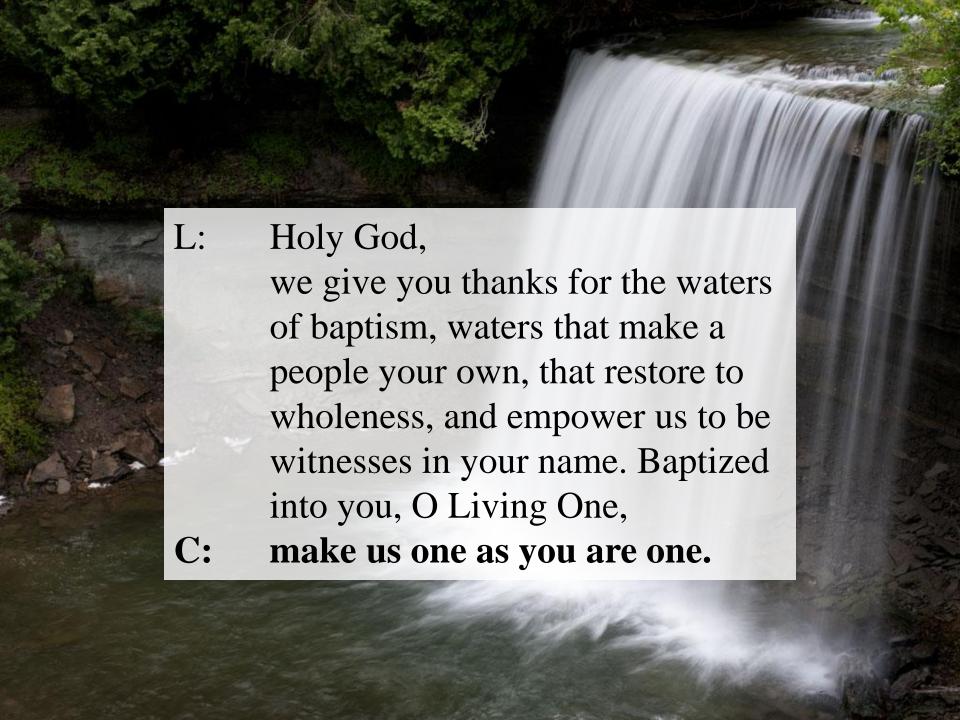
Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

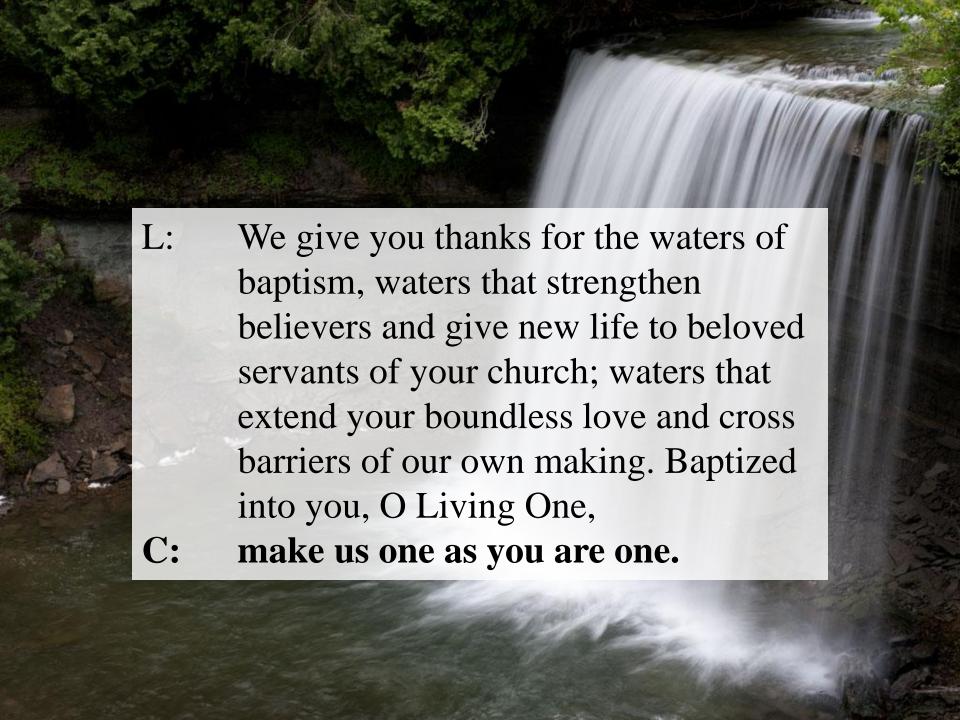


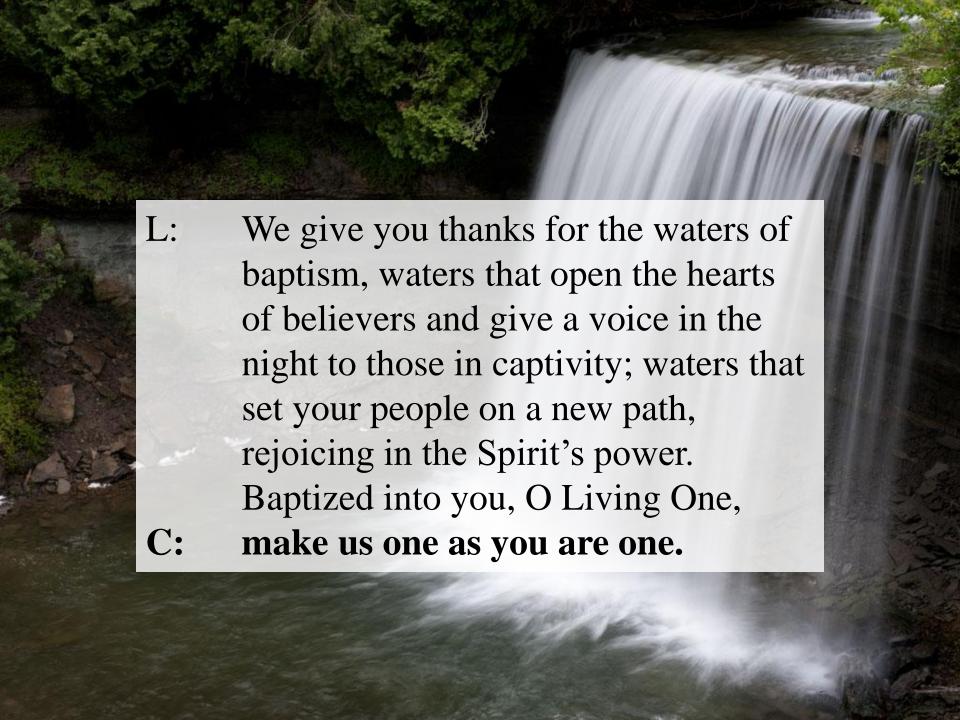


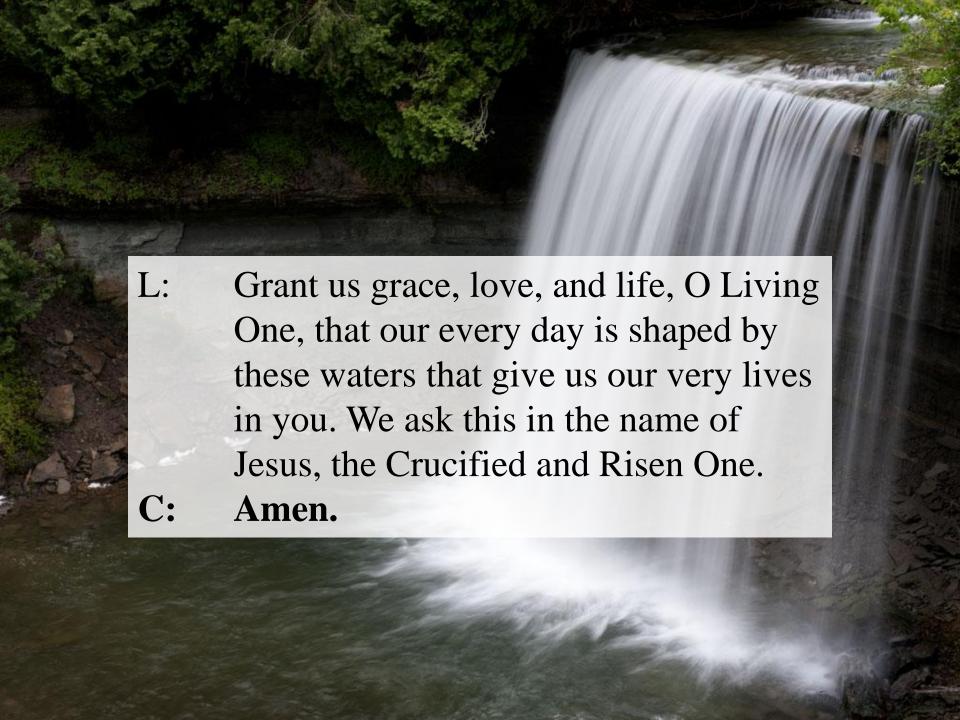












First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

L: ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: 15Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

L: ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

- L: ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- C: ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- L: ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- C: ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

- L: ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C: ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- L: ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C: ²⁵ Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

- L: ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- C: 27 The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
- L: ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- C: ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil. The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

The Wonder of Your Cross

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The wonder of your cross shall be our meditation, to gather in that shadow as the sun went down, to weep with those who thought that you were leaving; you were leaving, Jesus, the humble King who never wore an earthly crown.

To steal away at night when they took down your body, with love and tears to leave you in a borrowed grave, to go with Mary to that place they laid you, where they laid you, Jesus, and in the morning find the stone was rolled away.

The cross, O the wonderful cross; what glory, what vict'ry I've found; I'll come to the wonderful cross and my whole life I lay down.

Were heaven's praises
silent in those hours of darkness?
Your Holy Spirit brooding
'round that empty throne?
Until the declaration "He is Risen" You are risen, Jesus,
he is not dead;
behold, he lives forevermore.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.



Offering Prayer

C: Heavenly Father, thank you for your abundant generosity. As we give today, open our hearts to be more generous, reflecting your love. Bless these offerings to further your kingdom, and bless us as cheerful givers. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

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Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done on earth as in heaven, right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done on earth as in heaven, right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us; forgive us
as we forgive the ones who sinned
against us; forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Let your kingdom come.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done on earth as in heaven, right here in my heart.

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Let your kingdom come.

It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours. The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours. It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours. Forever and ever the kingdom is yours.

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Father, let your will be done
on earth as in heaven,
right here in my heart.
On earth as in heaven
right here in my heart.

Blessing

L: The peace of God be in your heart, the grace of God be in your words, the love of God be in your hands, the joy of God be in your soul, and in the song that your life sings.

C: Amen.

You've Already Won

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There's peace that outlasts darkness, hope that's in the blood.
There's future grace that's mine today that Jesus Christ has won.

So I can face tomorrow, for tomorrow's in your hands. All I need, you will provide, just like you always have.

I'm fighting a battle you already won.

No matter what comes my way,
I will overcome.

Don't know what you're doing,
but I know what you've done.
I'm fighting a battle you've already won.

There's mercy in the waiting, manna for today.
And when it's gone, I know you're not, you are my hope and stay.

When the sea is raging, your Spirit is my help.
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ.
I'll say that it is well.
Oh, I know that it is well.

I'm fighting a battle you already won.

No matter what comes my way,
I will overcome.

Don't know what you're doing,
but I know what you've done.
I'm fighting a battle you've already won.

I know how the story ends.
We will be with you again.
You're my Savior, my defense.
No more fear in life or death.

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You're my Savior, my defense.
No more fear in life or death.
I know how this story ends.

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No matter what comes my way,
I will overcome.

Don't know what you're doing,
but I know what you've done.
I'm fighting a battle you've already won.
I'm fighting a battle you've already won.

Dismissal

L: Having shared in the gifts of God, go now to bless others with what they need for the day.

Thanks be to God!

C:



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