

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to the risen Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God of solstice and equinox.  
When you called light into being,  
you set the world on an axis,  
giving us the gift of seasons,  
times of dying and rising,  
budding and harvest.

We praise you for the beauty and wonder of springtime;  
for the way you sing your promise into our isolation,  
splashing color and light into every corner;  
for luring us to stretch ourselves into grace,  
as plants reach toward the sun.

We give you thanks for Jesus,  
whose rising is foreshadowed in the lengthening of these days;  
whose love surges from the roots of heaven into these trees of life.

We give you thanks for the gift of water;  
for washing us into this spring life;  
for April showers, even May snow;  
for the waters of the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan;  
for this 'gathering place by the waters' we call home,  
a good earth and sacred land once home  
to the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Odawa, Fox, Ho-Chunk,  
Menominee, Sauk, and Oneida peoples,  
beloved in your sight.

We give you thanks for the gift of baptism,  
washing us in every season with mercy, grace, and life,  
making resurrection our eternal home.

You, O God - Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life -  
are the great source:

river of creation, pool of healing, thundering falls.

We give you our praise

in every season, on this brilliant day,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

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