

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Here, the water is poured out symbolically)

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day!

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people!

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water on *those* who *receive* it, to wash away *their* sin, and clothe *them* in righteousness throughout *their lives*, that, dying and being raised with Christ, *they* may share in his final victory.

We remember our baptism and reaffirm our faith!

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.