

REBORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT

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Reborn of water and the Spirit
we sing the glory of your name.
From death to life our Christ has journeyed,
to heal our dying and our shame.
For this great sign of your compassion
we sing, one body, in one Lord,
clothed in one Spirit, now commissioned,
to bring good news to all your world.

Joyful, we sing the saving myst'ry:
Christ's death has brought us life renewed.
As at the dawn of earth's creation
all life with hope is now infused.
Here, through the waters, as in birthing,
your people pass through death to life.
Here, too, you feed us at your banquet
with bread and cup that end all strife.

O womb of joy and font of mercy,
O well of life that will not cease,
rain on us now your Spirit's power:
torrents of love and grace and peace.
Transform your people, here assembled,
into a sign of your great love:
a holy, priestly, royal people,
a seed on earth of heav'n above.

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John 3:5 • 1 Corinthians 10:17 • 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 • 1 Peter 2:9

Many parishes invest heavily in baptismal preparation and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. But keeping our baptismal identity front and center is perhaps the most important (and challenging) contribution parishes can make in helping all of us who bear the name Christian live out our Baptism. Preaching is an important part of watering these seeds of baptismal identity, but song can also do it. This text is designed as an entrance hymn for any Sunday, as a hymn to accompany the Sprinkling Rite, as a hymn to be sung during the preparation of gifts on Sundays when baptism is celebrated in the midst of the eucharistic assembly, or during the celebration of Baptism of children.

Use: Easter Vigil, Easter, Baptisms, Gathering, Holy Spirit, Sprinkling Rite, Funerals, Water



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RENDEZ À DIEU

1. Re - born of wat - er and the Spir - it
2. Joy - ful, we sing the sav - ing mys - t'ry:
3. O womb of joy and font of mer - cy,

1. we sing the glo - ry of your name.
2. Christ's death has brought us life re - newed.
3. O well of life that will not cease,

1. From death to life our Christ has jour - neyed,
2. As at the dawn of earth's cre - a - tion
3. rain on us now your Spir - it's pow - er:

1. to heal our dy - ing and our shame.
2. all life with hope is now in - fused.
3. tor - rents of love and grace and peace.



REBORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, cont. (2)

1. For this great sign of your com - pas - sion
 2. Here, through the wa - ters, as in birth - ing,
 3. Trans - form your peo - ple, here as - sem - bled,

1. we sing, one bod - y, in one Lord,
 2. your peo - ple pass through death to life.
 3. in - to a sign of your great love:

1. clothed in one Spir - it, now com - mis - sioned,
 2. Here, too, you feed us at your ban - quet
 3. a ho - ly, priest - ly, roy - al peo - ple,

1. to bring good news to all your world.
 2. with bread and cup that end all strife.
 3. a seed on earth of heav'n a - bove.

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