

PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLD'S CREATOR

1. Praise with joy the world's cre - a - tor, God of jus-tice,
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hun-gry, frees the cap-tive,
3. Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
4. Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com-

love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowledge,
finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
mu - ni - ty, call ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y

God whose grace shall nev - er cease. Cel - e - brate the
fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
one - ness in di - ver - si - ty. This the world shall

Mak - er's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
con - stant pres - ence: Friend and stran - ger, guest and host.
Spir - it's trea - sure: Fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
see re - flect - ed: God is One and One - in - Three.

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Music: REGENT SQUARE - Henry T. Smart

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er,
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion;

joy of heaven, to earth come down;
in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!
let us all thy life re - ceive;
pure and spot - less let us be.

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
Let us all in thee in - her - it;
sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
let us find that sec - ond rest.
nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion;
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning,
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing,
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee,

en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: HYFRYDOL - Rowland H. Prichard

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism,
God names us as God's own beloved children;
God promises to be our God
and welcomes us into the family of Christ;
God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us
present to us and at work in us.
The baptism of believers' children especially makes visible
the prevenient nature of grace—
that God reaches out to, and accepts, us
before we reach out to, and accept, God.
At the same time, in baptism,
we acknowledge for ourselves and our children
the gift and claim of God's grace,
and we commit ourselves and our children
to live out of God's grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,
of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION

Who is presented for baptism?
Blake Hunter Battle
Son of Ben and Kim Battle and brother of Aubrey Battle

PARENTS' RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Because the role of parents and the church is crucial
to a child's experience of grace,
we ask you to re-commit yourselves
to the vows of the baptismal covenant:
Do you re-affirm your renunciation of sin
and your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior,
putting your whole trust in his grace,
and promising to serve him as your Lord,
by loving others as Christ loved you
and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression?
We do.

Do you commit yourself to work for God's reign on earth
through the church, which Christ has opened to all people,
participating actively in its ministries
with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?
We do.

Will you nurture your child in Christ's Church,
that by your teaching and example,
he may grow to know the grace of God,
profess him faith in Christ openly,
and live as a faithful disciple of Christ's church?
We will.

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Do you as Christ's church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture this child in the Christian faith and life,
praying for him, teaching him, and leading him
in acts of service and mission?
We will.

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in his or her life.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Blake,
we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!
We rejoice to welcome you as our brother
in the family of Christ.
Our story is now your story:
you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you is at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.
Grow with us in grace,
confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his royal priesthood.