

## O GOD OF CREATION, WE SEE



1. O God of cre - a - tion, we see all a - round us
2. Christ Je - sus, you lived in the same way you taught us;
3. O God, by your Spir - it, now give us a vi - sion



how rich - ly di - verse are the peo - ple you've made!  
you wel - comed the peo - ple that oth - ers de - spised.  
of life in your king - dom through Je - sus, your Son



In all of our neigh - bors who dai - ly sur - round us,  
You talked and you ate with the poor and the out - cast;  
where birth - right and cul - ture lead not to di - vi - sion,



your love for your chil - dren is ev - er dis - played. We're  
you saw ev - 'ry per - son through wel - com - ing eyes. For -  
and all of your chil - dren are wel - comed as one. God,



made in your im - age, we're e - qual be - fore you; yet  
give our re - build - ing the walls you have bro - ken our  
now may we work with a new ded - i - ca - tion for



of - ten in - jus - tice and ha - tred a - bound. For -  
mak - ing of bar - riers you came to tear down. The  
jus - tice, e - qual - i - ty, free - dom and peace, un -



give us the ways that we sin and ig - nore you, ac -  
gift of your cross is the world's rec - on - cil - ing with  
til we are called to your great cel - e - bra - tion and



cept - ing the strc - tures that push othe - rs down.  
God and with all of God's peo - ple a - round.  
share at your ta - ble in your ban - quet feast.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE - Welsh folk melody

## ALL ARE WELCOME



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: a ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's  
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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# 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?  
Adeline Day Potts  
*Daughter of Arthur and Chloe Potts*

## 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,  
she may grow to know the grace of God,  
profess her 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 her, teaching her, and leading her  
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

**Adeline,**  
**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 sister**  
**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.**