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: HYFRIDOL - Rowland H. Prichard
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 these children in the Christian faith and life, praying for them, teaching them, and leading them 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
Conley and McCall,
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 siblings 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.