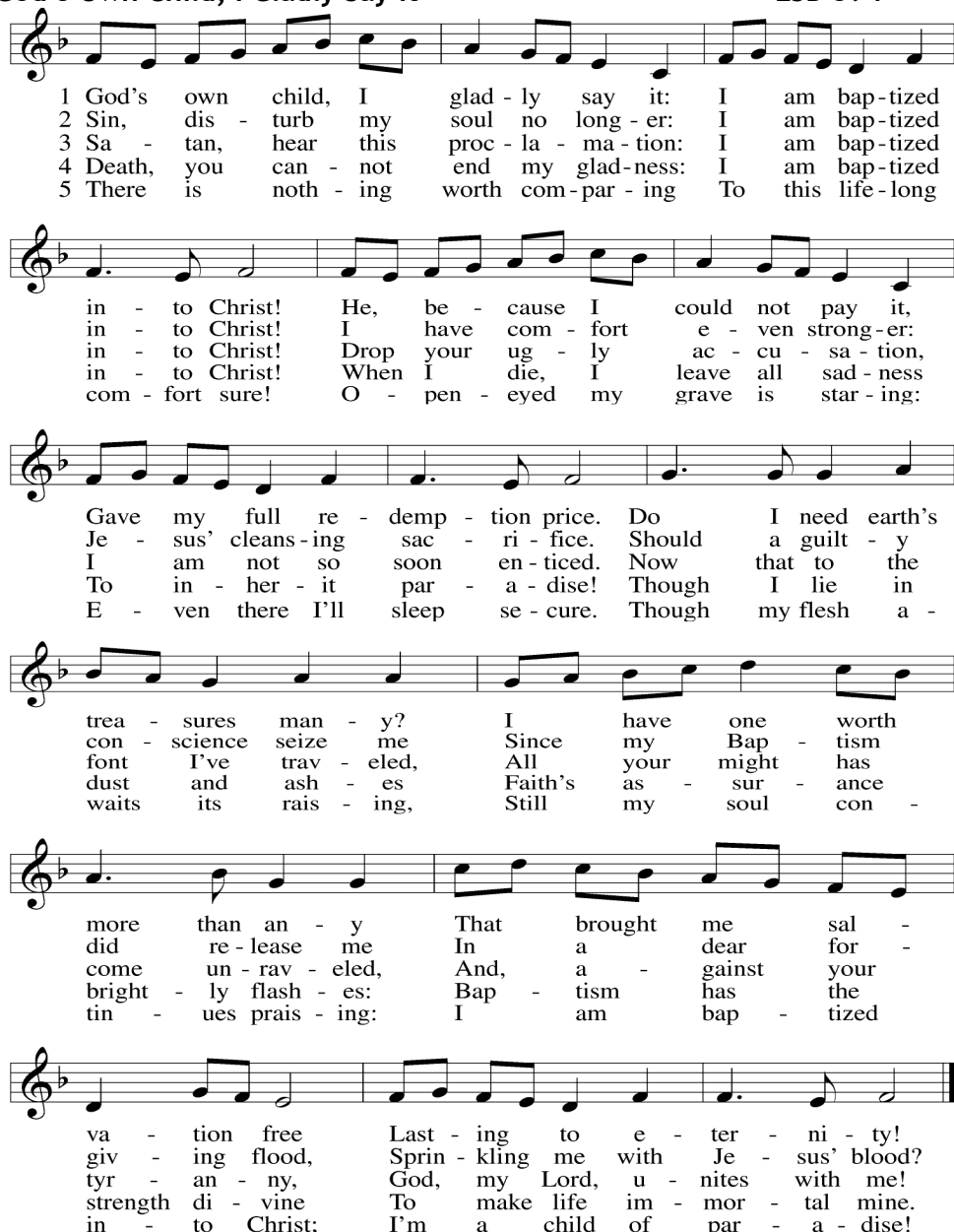


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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long
 in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,
 in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:
 in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,
 in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness
 com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ing:
 Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y
 I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the
 To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in
 E-ven there I'll sleep se-cure. Though my flesh a-
 trea-sures man-y? I have one worth
 con-science seize me Since my Bap-tism
 font I've trav-eled, All your might has
 dust and ash-es Faith's as-sur-ance
 waits its rais-ing, Still my soul con-
 more than an-y That brought me sal-
 did re-lease me In a dear for-
 come un-rav-eled, And, a-gainst your
 bright-ly flash-es: Bap-tism has the
 tin-ues prais-ing: I am bap-tized
 va-tion free Last-ing to e-ter-ni-ty!
 giv-ing flood, Sprin-king me with Je-sus' blood?
 tyr-an-ny, God, my Lord, u-nites with me!
 strength di-vine To make life im-mor-tal mine.
 in-to Christ; I'm a child of par-a-dise!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117

P I will go to the altar of God,
 C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!
 C **For great is His steadfast love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

Confession and Absolution

- P Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.
- C **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**
- P Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.
- C **Amen.**

WORD

Holy Baptism - Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

Holy Baptism - Fourth

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And with your spirit.**

Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

- 3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

- 4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

- ¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Mark 1:11b

P Alleluia.
C **You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.**
P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Mighty to Save

1. **Everyone needs compassion**
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

**2. So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender**

Chorus

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

(BRIDGE)

**Shine your light, and
let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory, of the risen King; Jesus
Shine your light, and
let the whole world see, we're singing
for the glory, of the risen King**

Chorus 2x

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

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2025 in Review (video)

Sermon

Offering (During Song)

We Believe

Nicene Creed

**1. In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe**

Chorus

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)**

**2. So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe**

Bridge

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe**

Ending

**He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe**

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Prayer of the Church

- P** All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

- P Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress, that they may know the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- P We remember all the saints who have gone before us, [*especially . . .*]. Give us a heart of wisdom that when our last hour comes, we are granted a blessed end in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 C **Amen.**

Prayer

- C **Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
 C **Amen.**

Christ is Risen

- 1) Let no one caught in sin
 Remain inside the lie of inward shame
 But fix our eyes upon the cross
 And run to Him who showed great love
 And bled for us
 Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
 Trampling over death by death
 Come awake come awake
 Come and rise up from the grave
 Christ is risen from the dead
 We are one with Him again
 Come awake come awake
 Come and rise up from the grave

2) Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

Chorus (Congregation sings)
Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

(Bridge)
O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night

Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive He's alive

Chorus
Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Chorus
Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

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