



River of Glory

*Refrain: River of Glory, springs of our birth,
Flood of God's riches poured on the earth.
We are born from the darkness and clothed in
the light! We are bathed in the glory of God!*

All: Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. All things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws, but you chose to create man in your image, setting him over the whole world in all its wonder. You made man the steward of creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. So great was your love that you gave us your Son as our redeemer. You sent him as one like ourselves, though free of sin, that you might see and love in us what you see and love in Christ. Your gifts of grace, lost by disobedience, are now restored by the obedience of your Son.

3. Out of love for sinful man, he humbled himself to be born of the Virgin. His future coming was proclaimed by all the prophets. The virgin mother bore him in her womb with love beyond all telling.

*Fountain of Mercy, grace flowing free,
Streams of salvation, spilling with love from a tree!*

4. In the wonder of the Incarnation your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith a new and

radiant vision of your glory. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

5. Today you fill our hearts with joy as we recognize in Christ the revelation of your love. No eye can see his glory as our God, yet now he is seen as one like us.

6. Christ is your Son before all ages, yet now he is born in time. He has come to lift up all things to himself, to restore unity to creation, and to lead mankind from exile into your heavenly kingdom.

*Here there is haven, healing and health,
Joy for the asking, love in abundance of wealth!*

7. Today you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light of all peoples. Now that his glory has shone among us you have renewed humanity in his immortal image.

8. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God... You celebrated your new gift of baptism by signs and wonders at the Jordan. Your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of the Word made man.

9. Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with joy as the Christ, sent to bring the good news of salvation. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin, but now through baptism in Christ we are reborn as your adopted children.

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10. As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us. You teach us how to live in this passing world with our heart set on the world that will never end.

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11. When he asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink, Christ had already prepared for her the gift of faith. In his thirst to receive her

faith he awakened in her heart the fire of your love.

12. As a man like us, Jesus wept for Lazarus his friend. As the eternal God, he raised Lazarus from the dead. In his love for us all, Christ gives us the sacraments to lift us up to everlasting life.

*Bread for our journey God will provide.
Hope for all ages, Jesus, companion and guide!*

13. We see your infinite power in your loving plan of salvation. You came to our rescue by your power as God, but you wanted us to be saved by one like us. Man refused your friendship, but man himself was to restore it through Jesus Christ our Lord. As he offered his body on the cross, his perfect sacrifice fulfilled all others. As he gave himself into your hands for our salvation, he showed himself to be the priest, the altar, and the lamb of sacrifice.

14. By suffering on the cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us eternal life. He is still our priest, our advocate who always pleads our cause. Christ is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever. In him a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world has been renewed, and man is once again made whole.

15. You gather them into your Church, to be one as you, Father, are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit. You call them to be your people, to praise your wisdom in all your works. You make them the body of Christ and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit.

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16. Today we celebrate the great beginning of your Church when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God, and created from the many languages of man one voice to profess one faith.

Darkness is banished, night turned away.

Christ is our sunlight, lifting and leading our way!

All: In love you created man, in justice you Condemned him, but in mercy you redeemed him, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

17. He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Leader: Lifted high on the cross, Christ gave his life for us, so much did he love us. From his wounded side flowed blood and water, the fountain of sacramental life in the Church. To his open heart the Savior invites all men, to draw water in joy from the springs of salvation. He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world. By dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life.

All: He has made us children of the light, rising to New and everlasting life. He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people. His death is our ransom from death his resurrection is our rising to life. With love we celebrate this death. With living faith we proclaim his resurrection. With unwavering hope we await his return in glory.

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