

Waters of Salvation

Read through the Blessing of Water from the Easter Vigil Liturgy, as found below. In the blanks in the box at the right, write the name of the Scripture story and the Scripture citation that covers each portion of bold text. The numbered book names and chapters in the box serve as hints to get you started and correspond to the numbers to the left of the bold portions of text in the blessing.

O God, who by invisible power
accomplish a wondrous effect
through sacramental signs
and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation,
to show forth the grace of Baptism;

1.

O God, whose Spirit
in the first moments of the world's creation
hovered over the waters,
so that the very substance of water
would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

2.

O God, who by the **outpouring of the flood**
foreshadowed regeneration,
so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water
would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

3.

O God, who caused the children of Abraham
to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,
so that the chosen people,
set free from slavery to Pharaoh,
would prefigure the people of the baptized;

1. Genesis, chapter 1

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

2. Genesis, chapter 7

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

3. Exodus, chapter 14

Story: _____

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4.

O God, whose Son,
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
and, as he **hung upon the Cross,**

5.

gave forth water from his side along with blood,
and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:

6.

**“Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”**
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

7.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
so that human nature, **created in your image**
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism
from all the squalor of the life of old,

8.

may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children
through water and the Holy Spirit.

4. Matthew, chapter 3

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

5a. Luke, chapter 23

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

5b. John, chapter 19

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

6. Matthew, chapter 28

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

7. Genesis, chapter 1

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

8. John, chapter 3

Story: _____

Scripture citation(s):

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