

God our Creator,  
we thank you for the wonder of new life  
and for the mystery of human love.  
We give thanks for all whose support and skill  
surround and sustain the beginning of life.  
As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family,  
may these *children* grow in strength and wisdom.  
As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood,  
give *these parents* your sustaining grace and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**  
We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.  
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.  
Through water you led the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.  
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

*Lord of life,*

**All renew your creation.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

*Lord of life,*

**All renew your creation.**

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Lord of life,*

**All renew your creation.**