

Great Thanksgiving
(Water)

Touch the water:

The rain, the waves, the tears.

Smell the water:

The dew, the falls, The bog.

Listen to the voice of water:

The rapids, the brook, the ocean waves.

Taste the water:

Bubbling up from the earth.

See the beauty of water:

Blues, greens, browns, sparkling in the light.

You who created the waters above and below and found them delightful,
hear our prayers and receive our praise.

You who played with Leviathan among the waves,
play with us.

You who loves to dance among the raindrops,
dance with us.

You who have set the rivers free
set us free to be your blessing upon the earth.

Without water all die.

Without clean water all die.

With your gift of living water all are blessed and the world blossoms with joy.

You have called us to be your water protectors.

You have called us to share your water with all forms of life.

In the water we can hear your voice,
and we smile.

In the water we can hear your laughter,
and we laugh too.

In the water we can feel your touch
and we feel refreshed.

You sent Jesus to be for us as living water,
To refresh the thirsting of our souls.

Jesus came as a bubbling spring,
into a dry and weary land that had no water.

**We have been baptized in Christ,
our sins have been washed away,
and given us a dew bathed new day.**

With water Jesus became as a servant
washing the feet of humanity.

Showing us God's hospitality,
God's grace poured out upon all.
Jesus demonstrated your love for those just like us.

With a thankful heart for the gift of life,
for the gift of bread, Jesus shared it with all, saying:
"Take and eat, this bread is my body, given for you."
Jesus demonstrated your love for those just like us.

With a thankful heart for the gift of life,
for the gift of grapes, Jesus shared its bounty with all, saying:
"Drink with me, all of you, for this is the cup of my blood,
poured out in testimony to God's covenant of forgiveness with the whole world."
Jesus demonstrated your love for those just like us.

Splattering of Grace, Drops of Mercy
envelop these gifts of bread and wine
and allow them to be for us the body and blood of Christ,
your living water.

Splattering of Grace, Drops of Mercy
envelop the gift of our lives
and allow us to be for the world, your church,
the living body and radiant bride of Christ,
your living water.

Splattering Grace, Drops of Mercy
pour out your blessing upon these lives.
Open their hearts to call of your Spirit.
Give them a vision for their care of your world.

**In Christ, with Christ the water for our souls,
By the inspiration of your Spirit that immerses our lives,
Walking with you, Great Creator of us all,
may our lives bring you glory, honor and praise. Amen.**

Now let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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. Amen.**