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
dwell 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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thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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