

A Blessing Over Waters

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Living God,

we call you mother

because you are the source of all life.

At the very dawn of creation

you birthed the cosmos

and took it in your arms to nurture it.

Ever since then

mothers have known your creative energy

in the breaking of their waters

when giving birth.

Your Spirit breathed gently on the waters of creation

making them wellsprings of life.

You taught the waves

their words of wisdom

and the ocean depths

their silent song of praise.

*The torrential waters of the great flood
became a sign of the waters of redemption
as they brought an end to worlds of violence
and a new beginning of life.*

*In the rainbow
you gave water
the color of hope.*

*You showed Hagar a well in the desert
to revive her dying child.*

*You inspired Hebrew midwives
to save the children of Israel
thus preparing a people
to walk through the waters of the Red Sea.*

*You moved a Levite woman
to hide her son in a basket
and entrust him to a river.*

*Miriam sang your praises
as you freed her people from slavery
and drowned Pharaoh's chariots
in the waters of the sea.*

*Like a mother
you carried your people
through the desert,*

providing water in the wilderness.

No wonder your prophets spoke of your grace

as morning dew

as overflowing torrent

as mother's milk.

When the time had come,

your Word took human form

in the water of Mary's womb.

Blessed, indeed, the fruit of this womb:

Jesus.

He was baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

At a well, he spoke truth to an outcast woman

and promised her living waters.

He calmed the storm over the Sea of Galilee

and the wind and waves recognized his voice.

Dying on a cross,

water and blood flowed from his side.

In them, you birthed your church.

Living God

you have made water a symbol of your life

ever since the dawn of creation.

Let your Spirit breathe gently on these waters

*that they may become for us the waters of life,
the color of hope,
the sound of rain in the desert.
May you birth us
ever anew
in water and the Spirit
from now on until the very end of time
when the river of the water of life
will be all in all.*



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