

St James St Jacobs Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the source of living water,
C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are washed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

A reading from Second Corinthians:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

C: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you make all things new.

P: We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers. We give you thanks especially for the rivers that give us life, the Conestogo and the Grand. Our great grandparents, grandparents and our families made this the place where our thirst for living water is quenched in you.

C: Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Honour to you for the creation of all peoples and creatures that have sustained this place of creative life.

P: Breathe your reconciling and resurrecting Spirit into all who gather here. Enliven our reaching out and our reaching in as you yourself live in related community, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.*