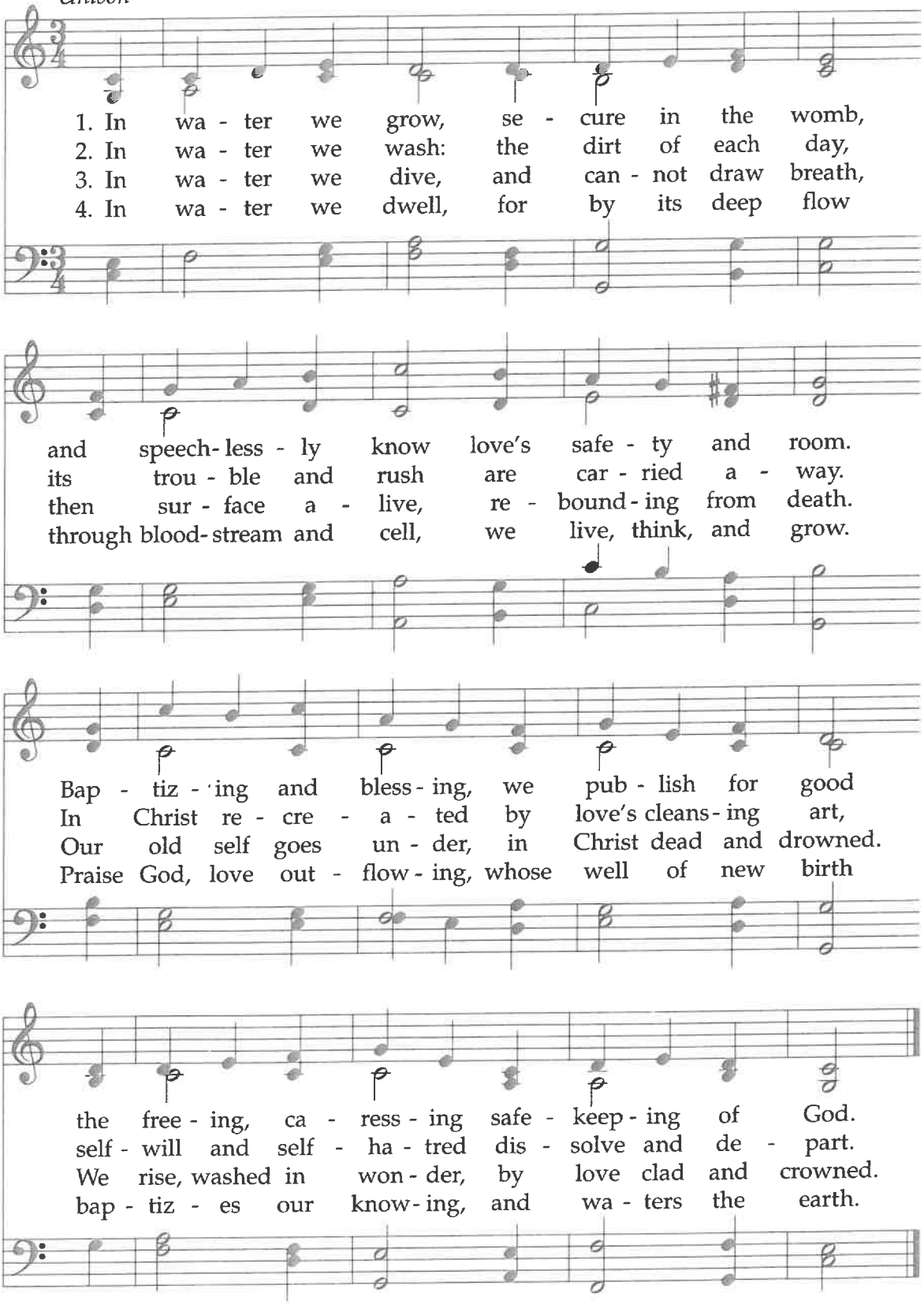
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Water of life:
A baptismal prayer of praise

One: We thank you, God, for water.
By it you give life to plants, animals and all humankind.

Many: We thank you that in the beginning your Spirit of creation moved over the face of the waters.

One: We thank you for your rainbow covenant promise
that emerged from the drowning flood water.

Many: We thank you for safe passage of our ancestors through the Red Sea, passing from slavery to freedom.

One: We thank you for quenching the thirst of our ancestors
with water from the rock at Horeb.

Many: We thank you for the baptism of Jesus in the waters of the River Jordon.

One: We thank you for Jesus who stilled raging water;
who offered "living water,
a spring of water welling up to eternal life,"
who washed the disciples' feet
to signify their continuing vocation.

Many: We thank you, God, that you have led us by still waters.

One: We thank you for the promise that one day justice will flow like the waters,
righteousness like an everflowing stream.

**Many: We thank you for creating us in the watery womb of our mothers,
and for recreating us in the watery womb of baptism,
as we are "buried with Christ into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God,
we too might walk in newness of life." Amen.**