

LSB 604 I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind unto myself today The strong name of the Trinity. By invocation of the same, The in Three in One and One in Three.

Repeat after st. 1 only.

**2 I bind this day to me forever,
 By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,
 His Baptism in the Jordan River,
 His cross of death for my salvation,
 His bursting from the spicèd tomb,
 His riding up the heav'nly way,
 His coming at the day of doom,
 I bind unto myself today.**

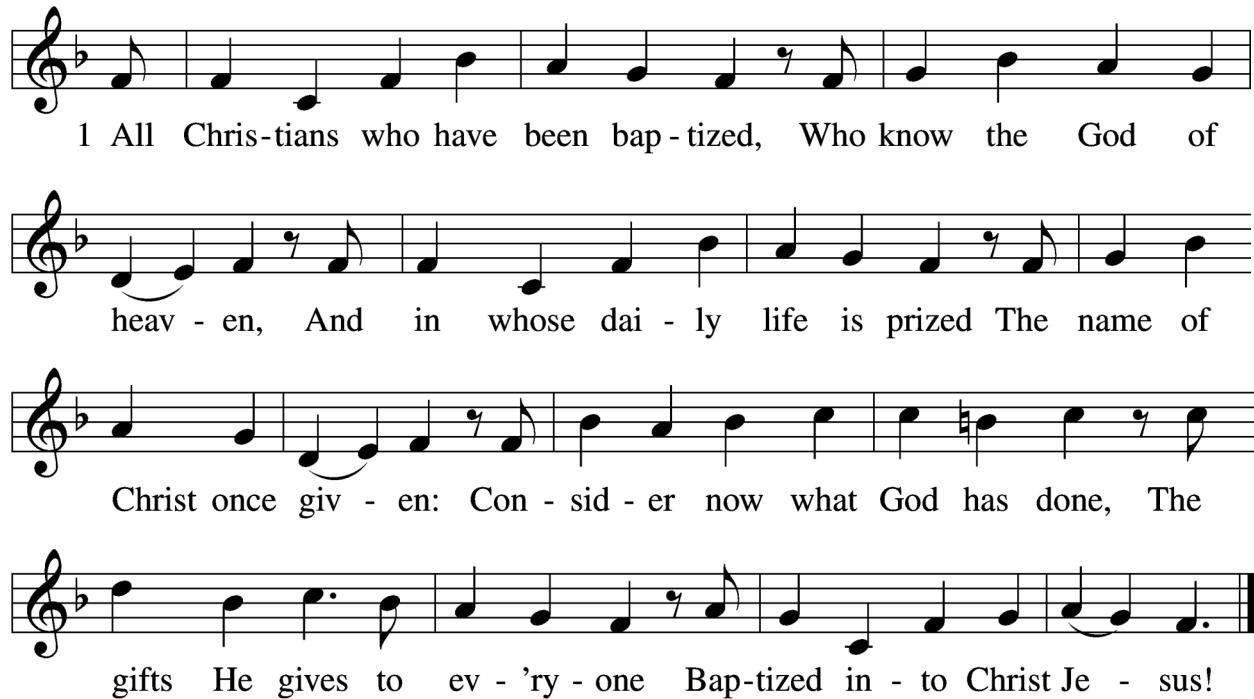
**3 I bind unto myself today
 The pow'r of God to hold and lead,
 His eye to watch, His might to stay,
 His ear to hearken to my need,
 The wisdom of my God to teach,
 His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
 The Word of God to give me speech,
 His heav'nly host to be my guard.**

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4 Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile foes that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In ev'ry place and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me those holy pow'rs.

△5 I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three,
Of whom all nature has creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

LSB 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap - tized, Who know the God of
heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of
Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!

2 **You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.**

3 **But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**

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4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

LSB 407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa-ther's
 plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash-ing
 now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - ges - sion
 And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -
 pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.

2 O hear and mark the message well,
 For God Himself has spoken.
 Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell
 And so receive this token.
 Our Lord here with His Word endows
 Pure water, freely flowing.
 God's Holy Spirit here avows
 Our kinship while bestowing
 The Baptism of His blessing.

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3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown
By mighty word and wonder.
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,
Which we do well to ponder:
"This man is My belovèd Son,
In whom My heart has pleasure.
Him you must hear, and Him alone,
And trust in fullest measure
The word that He has spoken."

4 There stood the Son of God in love,
His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove
Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us,
With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus
Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
"Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
And this My invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin
And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win
Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

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6 **But woe to those who cast aside
This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.**

7 **All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.**

