

BAPTISM



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Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV)

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

▶ **WHY DO WE BAPTIZE?**

Jesus invites us to baptize one another as a marker along our journey of following him. Being baptized in public celebrates that we have received God’s forgiveness. Baptism symbolizes our participation in the church, the body of Christ, the ways we share in what God is doing in the world through our gifts, talents, and whole life.

▶ **WHAT’S WITH THE WATER?**

Water is cleansing and life-giving. Entering the water reminds us that God washes us clean. Coming out of the water we enter into a renewed life of following Jesus.



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