

Redeemed Through the Waters of Creation Part 1!

Intro Song: "Hosanna" By The Glory Estate

Intro Prayer:

- For those lost in the flood waters in Japan, and everywhere else!
- For the conversion of sinners, reparation of sins, the souls being purified in purgatory, and the proclamation of the Gospel to all the world
- For the Church & her Bishops, may they heed the voice of our Lord and go forth to Baptize all nations!

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen

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- **From Jean Cardinal Danielou, S.J. in "The Sacraments And the History of Salvation"**
 - "Letter & Spirit" - Volume 2, 2006 Pages 203 - 215
 - Page. 204 - "Let us go over these analogies. The first is that of the primordial waters

sanctified by the Spirit. As the Spirit of God, hovering over these waters, raised up the first creation, so the same Spirit, hovering over the baptismal waters, raises up the new creation, effects our rebirth. The Spirit of God is the creative Spirit."

■ **Baptism in Salvation History!**

- The Waters of Creation
- The Waters of Cleansing/Death
- The Waters Redemption
- The Waters of Life - flowing!

■ **To Set the Stage:**

- We must enter the water!
- Our journey through the water brings us back into communion!

St. John 3: 5 - 8

[5] Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

[6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

[7] Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.'

[8] The **wind blows** where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit."

St. Luke 23:39 - 43

[39] One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

[40] But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

[41] And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

[42] And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

[43] And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Waters of Creation

- **Creation** - from Water & Spirit comes forth the land...
 - The Spirit Hovers
 - Blows over the water
 - Land is brought forth from the water at the proclamation of the WORD

Genesis 1:1 - 13

[1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

[2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

[3] And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

[4] And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

[5] God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

[6] And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters,

and let it separate the waters from the waters."

[7] And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so.

[8] And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

[9] And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

[10] **God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.**

[11] **And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so.**

[12] The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

[13] And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

St. John 1: 1 - 5 & 19 - 34

[1] **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

[2] **He was in the beginning with God;**

[3] all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

[4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

[5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[19] And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

[20] He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

[21] And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No."

[22] They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

[23] He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

[24] Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

[25] They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

[26] John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know,

[27] even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

[28] This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

[29] The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

[30] This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.'

[31] I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

[32] **And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.**

[33] **I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'**

[34] And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The Waters of Cleansing.

- **Cleansing** - Sinful man is washed away...
 - The water covers the earth AGAIN
 - Man enters the depths/death
 - Righteous Man comes out of the waters
 - A DOVE hovers & Waters recede from a WIND blowing
 - Think of John 3 with the WIND blowing where it wills.
 - Same word - Pa-New-Ma is sued for Spirit and wind.
 - placed on a Mountain
 - A NEW covenant is made
 - A Vineyard is planted & the command to Fill the Earth is given
 - A NEW Adam

Genesis 7:6-24

[6] Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.

[7] And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark, to escape the waters of the flood.

[8] Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground,

[9] two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

[10] And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

[11] In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

[12] And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

[13] On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and

Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark,

[14] they and every beast according to its kind, and all the cattle according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, every bird of every sort.

[15] They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

[16] And they that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

[17] The flood continued forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

[18] The waters prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

[19] And the waters prevailed so mightily upon the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered;

[20] the waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

[21] And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, birds, cattle, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm upon the earth, and every man;

[22] everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

[23] He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.

[24] And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8:1-4

[1] But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark. And **God made a wind blow** over the earth, **and the waters subsided**;

[2] the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained,

[3] and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters had abated;

[4] and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest upon the mountains of Ar'arat.

1 Peter 3: 18 - 22

[18] For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit;

[19] in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison,

[20] who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

[21] Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

[22] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Waters of Redemption

- **Redemption** - God's FIRST-BORN is SAVED through Water...
 - Sinful Man, Pharaoh, is chasing Israel to destroy Him
 - God causes a WIND to blow & the sea is parted

- Israel cross on DRY ground & Sinful man is AGAIN washed away in the waters!
 - Notice the elements:
 - Wind - blowing
 - Waters - moving/parting

Exodus 14: 9 - 31

[9] The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-ha-hi'roth, in front of Ba'al-ze'phon.

[10] When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD;

[11] and they said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt?"

[12] Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

[13] And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.

[14] The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be still."

[15] The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.

[16] Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea.

[17] And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in

after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen.

[18] And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

[19] Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,

[20] coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night.

[21] Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

[22] And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

[23] The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

[24] And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians,

[25] clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

[26] Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen."

[27] So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared;

and the Egyptians fled into it, and the LORD routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

[28] The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained.

[29] But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

[30] Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.

[31] And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD; and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Romans 6:3 - 9

[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

[4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

[5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

[6] We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

[7] For he who has died is freed from sin.

[8] But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

[9] For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The Living Water

- **Living Water** - Man is placed in a Garden with FLOWING rivers of water...
 - Communion with God -
 - Serving as Priest, Prophet, & King
 - Tree of Life
 - Israel, in COMMUNION with God in the Wilderness is supplied with LIVING water
 - Standing ON the ROCK
 - Its Struck & from ITS side comes forth Water!

Genesis 2:8 - 15

[8] And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

[9] And out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

[10] A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

[11] The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

[12] and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.

[13] The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which flows around the whole land of Cush.

[14] And the name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

[15] The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Exodus 17:1 - 6

[1] All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink.

[2] Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the LORD to the proof?"

[3] But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?"

[4] So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

[5] And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go."

[6] Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 7

[1] I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

[2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

[3] and all ate the same supernatural food

[4] and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

[5] Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for

they were overthrown in the wilderness.

[6] Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did.

[7] Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to dance."

Jeremiah 2:13

[13] for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns,
that can hold no water.

St. John 4:9 - 16

[9] The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

[10] Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

[11] The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water?"

[12] Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"

[13] Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water

will thirst again,

[14] but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

[15] The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

[16] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

St. John 7:37 - 39

[37] On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink.

[38] He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

[39] Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

St. John 19: 33 - 35

[33] but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

[34] But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

[35] He who saw it has borne witness -- his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth -- that you also may believe.

• The Point:

- Christ Jesus brings ALL to its perfection in the Sacrament of Baptism
 - We see how the elements are present in Christ

- The Spirit Hovering/Blowing over HIM in the WATER of the Jordan
- HE brings about a NEW CREATION
 - A NEW Adam & a NEW Eve
 - A NEW Covenant
 - A New Ministerial Priesthood
 - A NEW pouring out of the Spirit - Acts 2
- He Brings about a NEW Exodus
 - A New Moses
 - A New Manna
 - With NEW Flesh
 - A New ROCK giving the Living Water
 - A journey to a NEW Promised Land
- Through the Baptismal waters our SINS are cleansed
- Through the Baptismal waters we are redeemed
- Through the Baptismal waters we enter once again into COMMUNION with God!
 - Jonah
 - in the belly of the whale for 3 days to be RAISED up again
 - Jacob
 - Crossed through the Jordan river on DRY ground
 - Into the promised Land!
- It IS the LIVING water from the side of Christ that flows
 - Like the image of the water from the Rock
 - Like the image of the rivers in the garden
 - Like the image of the waters flowing from the THRONE of God
 - Where Jesus is.... there IS the Garden!
 - Where Jesus is... there IS paradise!
 - Where Jesus is... there is HIS Church!
- IF the way to the NEW Promised Land - Heaven - is

TRHOUGH the Waters of Baptism...

- Is it any wonder then that His parting words to HIS Apostles was
 - **St. Matthew 28: 18 - 20**
 - [18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] 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, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
- **Baptism is RE-ENTRY into Communion with God & existing ONCE AGAIN in Paradise!**