

Christian Baptism of ✠ Gracie Anne Hinson

Baptismal Hymn **ELH 244** Dearest Jesus, We Are Here **verse 1**

Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Thy command obeying;
With this child we now draw near In accord with Thine own saying
That of Thee it shall be given As a child and heir of Heaven.

P: [Jesus said:] I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. [John 3:5 & 6]

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

P: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. [Psalm 51:5]

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. [1 Corinthians 6:11]

P: As Baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
LORD, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless [Ephesians 5:25-27]. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our LORD. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

RENUNCIATION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

G: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

G: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

G: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He Rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

G: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and Sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - as long as you live?

G: Yes, and I ask God to help me. Now follows the Baptism:

Gracie Anne Hinson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting,

C: Amen.

*A Prayer of Thanks. P: Since it is God alone who works both to will and to do His good pleasure, it behooves us, dear friends in Christ, to call upon Him for **Gracie**, that He would graciously continue the good work which He has begun in her. Let us therefore pray: LORD God, Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your servant to the truth of the Gospel revealed through Jesus Christ our Savior and to our congregation. Enlighten and strengthen her by Your Holy Spirit that she may daily increase in a living faith, in godly fear, in patience under trials, in true knowledge of You, and in all things profitable to her eternal salvation. Grant that she may bring forth the fruits of faith and love, and continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith, receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ Your Son our LORD, **Amen.***

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Now into Thy heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions Heav'nward soar; May our warm desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given, Write it in the book of Heaven.

