

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**  
COMMEMORATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE SANDY

**LEADER EDITION**

*All stand and face the font.*

**In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**  
Amen

**Sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**One year has passed since wind and rain, rising tide and flood devastated many communities.  
Some have rebuilt. Others are rebuilding. Still more wait.  
From afar, countless watch and pray for restoration on these and other ravaged shores.  
We gather at this water, confident that God is not the source of devastation  
but the font of renewed splendor and life.**

**The Lord be with you.**  
And also with you.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

**Though water, wind and storm surround us,  
you renew all things with the gift of your life-giving Spirit.**

**Water gushed from the deep to nourish your budding creation.  
Water rained down to wash and replenish the earth.  
Water carried Noah and his family to dry land.  
By water and word  
Heal creation.**

**Water gave Hagar and Ishmael hope in the wilderness.  
Water imparted safe passage to Moses, Miriam and all the Israelites.  
Water satisfied the widow at Zarephath and her only son.  
By water and word  
Heal creation.**

**Water cleansed Naaman of leprosy.  
Water enlivened the valley of the dry bones.  
Water delivered Jonah and the great fish to Nineveh.  
By water and word  
Heal creation.**

**Water turned to wine at the wedding feast.  
Water quenched the thirst of the woman at the well.  
Water washed over your Son and showered him with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and word  
Heal creation.**

**Bless this water to be for us living water.  
Living water to surround birth.  
Living water to accompany death.  
Living water to cultivate new life.**

**Wash away our fears.  
Build up our spirits.  
Make us instruments of renewal and rebirth.**

**By water and word**  
Heal creation.

**Thanks and praise to you:  
Wellspring of life.  
Tree of healing.  
Font of what was and is, and is to come.  
God always One. God always Three.  
Now and forever.  
Amen**

*The assembly may be sprinkled with water as a sign of new life in baptism. All may sing a hymn.  
If observed on All Saints Sunday **ELW 237, Litany of the Saints** is especially appropriate.  
For other times **ELW 458, Praise and thanksgiving be to God** highlights renewal and praise.*

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**Amen**

*The presider addresses the assembly.*

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*Each section concludes with the words*

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