**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Crafted for the 2020 Institute, “Living Breath of God: How Word Through Music Forms Us,” this thanksgiving includes moments for extended silences that invite awareness of breath.*

Blessed are you, O God,

Moving over the waters,

Animating creation,

Stirring in us now.

We praise you, O God, for the waters of the earth.

For crashing oceans

splashing rivers

steady aquifers

and for the dance of water and air in mist, showers, storms, and humidity.

*Silence*

We thank you, O God, for breathing on us by water,

and for your breath

in the voices of the prophets

in the cries of the psalmists

in the groans of Spirit.

We praise you for the breath of Jesus,

bearing peace,

casting out fear,

reaching to us in hope,

raising us up to life.

*Silence*

We thank you for our new birth in these waters,

and for life in your name.

Send your breath

and your peace

to every corner of creation.

Wash our wounds,

Restore our voices,

and let the church echo

with the signs and wonders of your grace.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

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