

# Hymn of the Week

January 13 • Baptism of the Lord

## May This Water Keep Us Aware

**Text and Music:** Christopher Uehlein.

**Music:** CORDELL: Christopher Uehlein.

**Topics:** Baptism

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May this water keep us aware  
of the gift that we all share:  
grafted are we on Christ, the Vine,  
by the living water's sign.

Water and the Spirit give birth  
to a life of greater worth,  
for by them God's kingdom is ours,  
and we share his holy powers.

Let us praise our Father above  
who, in his extravagant love,  
sent his Spirit and his Son,  
in the water made us one.

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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