

Great Blessing of the Waters

Carpatho-Russian Chant, Tone 8
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The voice of the Lord upon the waters cries aloud say - ing:

"Come ye all, and receive the spirit of wis - dom, the spi - rit

of un - der - stan - ding, the spirit of the fear of God,

from Christ Who is made ma - ni - fest."

Today the nature of the waters is sanc - ti - fied and the Jor - dan

is par - ted in two; it holds back the stream of its own wa - ters,

see - ing the Mas - ter bap - tized.

O Christ the King, Thou hast come unto the ri - ver as a man,

and in Thy good-ness Thou dost make haste to re - ceive the baptism

of a servant at the hands of the Fore - run - ner, for the sake of our

sins, O Thou Who lov - est man - kind.

At the voice of one crying in the wil - der - ness, 'Pre - pare ye the

way of the Lord', Thou Who knowest not sin dost ask for bap - ti - sm.

The waters saw Thee and were a - fraid; the Forerunner was

was seized with trembling and cried a-loud, say-ing how shall the

lamp il-lu-mine the Light? How shall the servant set his hand upon the

Mas-ter? O Savior Who takest away the sin of the world,

sanc-ti-fy both me and the wa-ters.