

Baptism of Jesus

YOU CAME O CHRIST

Tune: REFLECTION

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1. You came, O Christ, to be baptized
By John who dressed in camel's hair.
"You are divine", God's wisdom said,
"Your sacred space is everywhere."
2. And we who walk the Christ-like Way,
Baptized with water and by fire,
Consumed by love, transformed by grief,
Make life in Christ our great desire.
3. O Spirit's breath, consuming fire,
O life of water, life of Earth,
We come to childhood's place of dreams
To live again our spirit's birth.
4. With high delight we claim the space
Which once we knew was truly home;
The space where leaden feet can dance
And wonder forms a sacred womb.
5. O Inner Christ, our baptized life,
We place our thoughts within your care
And trust the rhythmic pulse of love
Which conquers hate and casts out fear.

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