



“THE BAPTISM OF JESUS” by Louis Comfort Tiffany, compliments of First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS

Matthew 3: 16

“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.”



HOLY BAPTISM

When Jesus, age twelve, visited the temple, God's mission to Him was clear

And in eighteen years, to John at the Jordan, He did quietly appear

Wearing righteousness as His belt, and faithfulness at His waist

Resolutely, Christ moved toward His baptism in haste.

Jesus, the perfect man, wasn't baptized for committing sin

But was inaugurating His public ministry which was ready to begin

Accepting baptism in obedient service to His Heavenly Father above

Brought down the Spirit of God, lighting on Him like a dove.

Baptism for believers symbolizes a washing and cleansing of sin

An outward sign of commitment, accompanied by a change from within

It's a time when the Holy Spirit; our innermost beings does fill

And joins us to the body of believers, retaining our identity still.

God baptizes us with Holy boldness and confidence from on high

Thus, it's through His might and power that we take wings and fly

God is not looking for great people, but humble hearts instead

For those who dare to prove His greatness and by Him be willingly led.