

I Bind Unto Myself Today

BAPTISMAL LIFE

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♩ = 120

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name of the
2. I bind this day to me for - ev - er By pow - er of faith, Christ's
3. I bind un - to my - self the pow - er Of the great love of
4. I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues of the
5. I bind un - to my - self to - day The pow - er of God to

Tri - ni - - ty, By in - - vo - - ca - - tion of the
in - car - - na - tion; His bap - - tism in the Jor - dan
cher - u - - bim; The sweet "Well done" in judg - ment
star lit heav - en, The glor - - ious sun's life giv - ing
hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to

same The Three in One and One in Three.
riv - er, His death on Cross for my sal - - va - tion;
ho - ur, The ser - vice of the ser - a - - phim,
ray, The white - ness of the moon at ev - en,
stay, His ear to hear - - ken to my need.

2. His burst - - ing from the spic - - èd tomb, His rid - ing
 3. Con - fes - - sors' faith, A - - pos - - tles' word, The Pa - triarchs'
 4. The flash - - ing of the light - - ning free, The whirl - ing
 5. The wis - - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

up the heav'n - ly way, His com - ing at the day of
 pray - ers, the pro - phets' scrolls, All good deeds done un - - to the
 wind's tem - pest - uous shocks, The sta - - ble earth, the deep salt
 guide, His shield to ward; The word of God to give me

doom I bind un - - to my - self to - - day.
 Lord And pu - - ri - - ty of vir - - gin souls.
 sea A - - round the old e - - ter - - nal rocks.
 speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.

6. Against the demon snares of sin,
 The vice that gives temptation force,
 The natural lusts that war within,
 The hostile men that mar my course;
 Or few or many, far or nigh,
 In every place and in all hours,
 Against their fierce hostility
 I bind to me these holy powers.

7. Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
 Against false words of heresy,
 Against the knowledge that defiles,
 Against the heart's idolatry,
 Against the wizard's evil craft,
 Against the death wound and the burning,
 The choking wave, the poisoned shaft,
 Protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

8. Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

9. I bind unto myself the Name,
 The strong Name of the Trinity,
 By invocation of the same,
 The Three in One and One in Three.
 By Whom all nature hath creation,
 Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
 Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
 Salvation is of Christ the Lord.