

A Corporate Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The whole congregation stands.

All baptised Christians, of whatever denomination, are invited to renew their baptismal vows in the following liturgy.

If you are not baptised, you may find the following words challenging; they clearly describe the life-changing decision that baptism signifies and are worthy of close study alongside prayerful self-examination. You are welcome to take the sheet home with you to consider carefully at your leisure.

If you are baptised but not confirmed, these are the same promises that are made at a service of confirmation. You would do well to consider being confirmed. The Rector would be happy to discuss this with you.

The president may address the congregation as follows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May almighty God

who has given you the desire to follow Christ

give you the strength to continue in the way.

The Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters,

I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The president prays

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Commitment

The president addresses the congregation

Will you continue
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge
Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak,
and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

The president concludes the Renewal of Vows saying

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.