

## Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

**P:** In the Old Covenant, God chose Israel to be his people and to obey his laws. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has given a New Covenant to all who trust him. We stand within this Covenant and we bear his name.

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but for him.

Let us now renew our part in this Covenant which God has made with his people, and take the yoke of Christ upon us.

### ALL STAND

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P:** Do you believe in God the Son?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

**P:** Praise to you, almighty God and Father, for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.

**C: Blessed be God.**

**P:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the Church might be born.

**C: Blessed be God.**

**P:** Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptized in you.

**C: Blessed be God.**

**P:** Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given us in Christ who strengthens us....

As a disciple of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

**C: With the help of God, I will.**

**P:** Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

**C: With the help of God, I will.**

**P:** Will you work for justice and peace, honoring God in all creation?

Let us pray...

Lord God, in our baptism you called us and brought us into your Church, commissioning us to witness to the faith of the crucified Christ and to be his faithful disciples to the end of our lives; so now with joy we take upon ourselves the yoke of obedience and for love of you engage ourselves to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own, but yours. Put us to what you will, O God, rank us with whom you will; put us to doing, put us to suffering; let us be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let us be full, let us be empty; let us have all things, let us have nothing. We freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

**C: And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are ours and we are yours. So be it. And the covenant which we have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**