

# Renewal of the Vows of Baptism

*This rite is used with the Book of Common Prayer at appropriate times through the year. At the Eucharist, it takes the place of the reciting of the Creed and may replace the Confession and Absolution.*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you;

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

**I**t is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ upon the Cross, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples to baptize in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We thank thee for the gift of water and that thou dost raise us to new life in baptism within thy holy Church. Regard, we beseech thee, the prayer of thy faithful people that thou hast granted to us that which by our nature we cannot have; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us renew the vows and promises of our Baptism.

*Officiant* Dost thou believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

*Officiant* Dost thou believe in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

*Officiant* Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

*People* **I believe in God the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting.**

*Officiant* Wilt thou continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, God being my helper.**

*Officiant* Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, God being my helper.**

*Officiant* Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the gospel of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, God being my helper.**

*Officiant* Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all persons and love thy neighbour as thyself?

*People* **I will, God being my helper.**

*Officiant* Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, God being my helper.**

*Officiant* Wilt thou strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People* **I will, God being my helper.**

**M**ost merciful Father, we yield thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased thee to receive thy people, by thy Holy Spirit, for thine own by adoption and grace. Grant that being born again and made heirs of everlasting salvation they may continue thy servants and attain thy promises; through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Eucharist continues with the Offertory.*