

Renewal of Baptismal promises by the congregation

This act will normally take place after the sermon. The congregation may be invited to gather around the baptistry or font, or to turn to face it. The act of renewal may be followed by a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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Introduction

As a community of God's people,
let us remember that we have been baptised
and reaffirm our commitment to follow Christ.
In baptism, God has set us as a seal upon his heart.
In baptism, God has brought us into union with Christ,
made us one with all his people in heaven and on earth
and assured us of everlasting life.

Scripture sentences

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with jewels. Isaiah 61:10

You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
I am giving you these commands
so that you may love one another. John 15:16-17

For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.
For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body –
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free –
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Profession of faith

Let us now proclaim the faith of the Church
in which we were baptised.

The people proclaim their faith. The Apostles' or Nicene Creed (*Rejoice and Sing* 759, 760) or Statement of Faith of the United Reformed Church (Basis of Union, para. 17 or para. 18) may be used, or a hymn of faith may be sung.

By grace, let us respond to grace.

All **Believing and trusting in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I repent of my sins,
turn away from evil,
and turn to Christ.
Christ alone is my Saviour and Lord.**

From the beginning,
believers have continued
in the worship and fellowship of the Church.
With God's help,
let us commit ourselves anew to this life;

All **I accept the gift and cost
of following Christ
in my daily life and work;
and with the whole Church,
I will proclaim by word and action
the good news of God in Christ.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Strong deliverer, holy One,
for you alone our souls wait in silence,
from you comes our salvation.

Your Spirit first brooded over the waters of chaos,
bringing life to a formless waste.
After waters flooded the earth,
you made a covenant with your people
and gave us the rainbow to be a sign of hope.
Through the waters of the sea,
you led your people out of bondage
from slavery to freedom.

You sent your son Jesus
who was baptised in the Jordan
and received your Spirit.
As we share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
you set us free from bondage to sin
and open the way to eternal life.
For many waters cannot quench love.

All **The waters closed in over me,
the deep surrounded me.
Out of the darkness I called to you
and you answered me.
You brought up my life from the depths.
You are the Lord my God.**

We praise you for your Holy Spirit,
the Spirit of joy,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth.

You gather us in the Church through Christ,
a people of your choosing,
called to live justly and in peace.
And so to you be all praise, honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our saviour,
who with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The people are invited to offer one another a sign of
Christ's peace.