

## A TIME OF CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

### Introduction

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### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

L: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

**P: We are dry and thirsty, O God,  
come and refresh us!**

L: Let us pray. *(Pastor continues, concluding with...)*

L: Be here with us, Holy Spirit!

**P: Come and bless these waters.**

Please sing: *(tune: "They will know we are Christians by our Love")*

**All praise to the Father from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH:

Leader: And so I ask all of you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**People: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our  
sin!**

L: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**P: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to  
resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever  
forms they present themselves!**

L: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**P: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole  
trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our  
Lord, in union with the church which Christ has  
opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

L: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**P: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy  
church and serve as Christ's representatives in the  
world with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our  
service and our witness.**

L: Let us join together in professing the historic Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: 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, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: 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**

*(\*catholic meaning "universal")*

### REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM: Coming forward in renewal

*As a Baptized follower of Jesus, and having renewed your vows this day, you are invited to come to the front, kneel or stand at the rail in prayer, or remain seated and we'll come to you.*

*When you are ready, lift up your head in order to let the pastor place a cross in water on your forehead.*

*The words will be said:*

*"Remember that you are baptized and forgiven.*

*Thanks be to God!"*

*You may respond: "Amen!"*

*Take as much time as you need in prayer at the rail or in your seat. Please continue in prayer until all are finished.*

### CLOSING PRAYER

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*Remember and reflect on what you have done today and what God is doing in your life. Find someone to talk about it. Think about it later on this week. Let it become an important part of your New Year's power and hope.*