

Preparation of Baptized Persons for  
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

**The Welcoming of Baptized Christians**

*A representative of Christ Church Cathedral asks all of the Youth Confirmands and Journey in Faith participants in the Assembly to stand and presents them to the Bishop with these words:*

Bishop, we present to you these persons who are baptized members of the Body of Christ and we welcome the Youth confirmands (8:30 a.m.) and the *Journey in Faith* participants (11 a.m.) at Christ Church Cathedral as they study their baptismal vows, growing into the full stature of Christ.

*Bishop:* What do you seek?

*Answer:* **Renewal of my life in Christ.**

In baptism, you died with Christ Jesus to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the promises made at your baptism, and strive to keep them in the fellowship of this community and the rest of the Church?

*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you attend the worship of God regularly with us, to hear God's word and to celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you join us in our life of service to those who are poor, outcast, or powerless?

*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you and discern how they are to be used in the building up of the kingdom of God?

*Answer:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Addressing the sponsors (who now stand):*

You have been chosen by this community to serve as sponsors and companions to these persons. Will you support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

*Sponsors:* **We will, with God's help.**

*(over)*

*Addressing members of the congregation:*

Will you who witness this new beginning keep these persons in your prayers and help them, share with them your ministry, bear their burdens, and forgive and encourage them?

*Congregation:* **We will, with God's help.**

*The Bishop continues:*

Blessed are you, our God, our Maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. In baptism these who stand before us were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew them in your Holy Spirit, that they may grow as members of Christ. Strengthen their union with the rest of his Body as they join in our life of praise and service; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### ***Youth Confirmands***

Julianna Faith Butorac, Zara Emily Burns, Sarah Randolph Cook,  
Connor Alan Edwards, Amelia Rose Fox, Ian Constantine Fuqua,  
Miriam Elizabeth Rock, and Alexandra Dawn Webber

### ***Journey in Faith Participants***

Kirkland Ahern Jones, Julie Arbuckle, Mike Arbuckle,  
Rose Ballard, Stefanie Bartlett, Bob Brandt, Janet Brown,  
Butch Durst, Patience Ergish, Keaton Gaffney,  
Lynn Grassmeyer, Katy Kirby, Allyn Lomen, Jack Luke,  
Peg Luke, Jennifer Murray, David Paine, Andrew Reducha,  
Mimi Shimmin, and Shelley Vincent