REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Introduction

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God’s Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God’s saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.
Today we come to the water
to renew our commitment
to the One who created us out of nothing and called us good,
who delivered us from bondage and declared us free,
and who promises to make all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you: will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?
We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of our sin.
Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?
We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves
Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?
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.
Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?
We will remain faithful members of Christ’s holy church
And serve as Christ’s representatives in the world.
Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust
in God, the Father Almighty.
in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son.
and in the Holy Spirit, our breath and life,
one God now and forever.
Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.
Even so, come Lord Jesus!
Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die.
Your justice never fails.
Your mercy is everlasting.
Your healing river flows.
Your Spirit blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, God!
But sometimes we try.
We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving stream
that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.
We parch ourselves.
We are dry and thirsty, O God.
Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon these waters.
Come upon these waters.
Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.
Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
Glory to you!
Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!
Glory to you!
Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!
Glory to you!
Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!
All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!
Bishop Cho: At this time, our ushers will come and direct you to the water. Let us be called to deeper discipleship as we reaffirm our baptismal covenant.

Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!

HYMNS AND/OR ANTHEMS DURING THE REAFFIRMATION (ON SCREEN)

- Breathe on Me, Breath of God
- I Surrender All
- Kindness
- Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- And Can It Be that I Should Gain
- As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
- The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

PRAYER

Everlasting God, your grace is sufficient; your mercy is abundant; and your love never ends. As disciples who have heard your call and reaffirmed our faith, we commit ourselves anew to the way of Christ. Remain with us on this journey. Guide us with your light; unite us as sisters and brothers within one body; and lead us into your justice, in the strong and good name of Jesus. Amen.