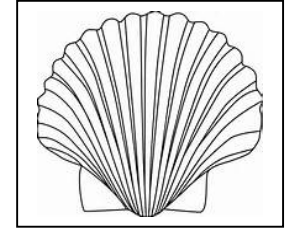


Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant



The Lord Be With You.
And also with you.

Let us pray: Eternal Creator, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare God's works to the nations, God's glory among all people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

As Pastor Elizabeth shares the words “*Remember your baptism and be thankful,*” please dip your fingers into your bowl of water and place the water on your forehead.



Prayer After Re-Affirmation of Our Baptism

Loving and Caring God, you call to us out of the waters and through the breath of the Spirit. Having re-affirmed our baptism, hear our prayer, O Lord:

As our journeys of faith continue in this new year, Almighty God, help us to know that, by your grace, we are named and claimed as your beloved ones.

Help us to know, deep in our souls, that even when we pass through treacherous waters, you will be with us to sustain and to strengthen us.

Help us to commit ourselves to living after the example of your Son, that, through his guidance, we may live in your ways.

Help us to acknowledge the in-dwelling of your Spirit as it speaks to our hearts and leads us to share your love with others.

Help us bring your message of transforming love and liberation to a world in need of hope and joy.

For the waters of baptism that pour out your love for each of us, and for your abiding presence that leads us onward, we give you our thanks, O God.