

We Renounce: A Litany Remembering Holy Baptism

God, who is generous and loving to all people, gives us renewed life through baptism. By water and the Word, God claims us in love and knits our lives into the resurrection life of Jesus Christ.

United in the one Body of Christ, we welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit in all seasons. We rejoice with those of us who rejoice and stand together with those of us in grief. As parts of the whole, we are joined in God's mission of compassion and justice in the world.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess your vocation of love.

Beloved people of God,

Do you renounce evil with all its lies and violence?

All: We renounce it.

Do you reject the powers of this world that move with greed and favoritism?

All: We reject them.

Do you throw off the fear that separates us from one another?

All: We throw it off.

Do you renounce the lies of white supremacy and its demonic legacy in our country?

All: We renounce them.

Do you disown the system that favors white people and constrains life for people of color?

All: We disown it.

And do you reject the idea that God loves some people more than others?

All: We reject it.

You have been claimed by God's love for great purpose.

People of God, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live as part of the global Body of Christ,

to open your life to the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the freedom of Jesus Christ in word and action,

to serve all people, following the gracious example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in every corner of the world?

All: We do and we ask God to help us.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

All: We do and we ask God to help us.

Now make the sign of the cross upon your forehead, and hear these gospel words: You belong to Christ. (+) May the God of all love and justice give you courage. Amen.

Let us pray.

We thank you, God, that you heal us from sin, give us courage for new beginnings and bind us to the life of Jesus Christ.

Stir up in your people the Pentecost gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and strength, the spirit of discernment and the awe of God, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

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