

## Liturgy for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

### Introduction

The same Spirit of God that rested upon Jesus at his baptism, rested on you at your baptism. You are God's beloveds. And, if you haven't yet experienced baptism, let today be an invitation to you to consider making this a part of your faith story.

In baptism, God's Spirit moves over the water,  
**water that flows freely to nourish the earth,**  
**water that rolls down in streams of divine justice,**  
**water that satisfies those who thirst for righteousness,**  
**water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and brings new birth.**

Today we come to the water,  
to affirm the promises made in our baptism.  
We give thanks to our Creator who makes all things,  
we rejoice in Christ whose love for the world never fails,  
and we delight in the Spirit whose mercies are new each morning.

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

We ask you to renew your commitments to living a baptized life. Answer these 3 questions:

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you renounce evil and turn from the power of sin?*  
**I do.**

*Do you trust in Jesus Christ, and will you let your life be conformed to the life of Christ?*  
**I do and I will.**

*Will you pour out your own life to nourish the lives of others, both in this church and for the whole household of God?*  
**I will.**

### QUIET REFLECTION

*We'll take some time now for quiet reflection.*

*First, we invite you try and remember your own baptism. Who is there? What was said that day? If you haven't been baptized, imagine what that day would be like.... (pause)*

*Second, recall the journey of faith that God has led you on since the day of your baptism. God has always been with you. Where has God's love and faithfulness been most evident in your life...? (pause)*

*Finally, be here now. At your baptism, God said, "You are my beloved." Today, receive God's love for you again. These words are spoken to you: "You are my beloved."*

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

We give thanks to you, God, for life-giving water.

At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery deep, calling forth life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood.

You parted the waters of the sea and led your people to the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit.

In the water of our baptism, you give us life that never ends.

**Your Mercy is everlasting.**

**Your justice never fails.**

**Your healing river always flows.**

No matter how we may try to block the Spirit's path,

or redirect the Spirit's winds,

No matter how far away we wander from the life-giving Stream—

So far that we do not hear its sound,

and we forget its power...

God, you

Find us and draw us back to the water's edge

To restore us and refresh us!

May this water be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth, for all of us, today!

*The pastors stir up the waters... and invites the congregation to rise:*

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Move over these waters.**

**Let them be dewdrops of mercy.**

**Let them carry us toward justice.**

**Let them heal us with the power of Jesus.**

**Let these waters make us thirst for the age to come.**

Most Holy God, Divine Parent of us all! **Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior! **Glory to you!**

Spirit of holiness, Spirit over the water, **Glory to you!**

Eternal God, Three in One!

**All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

*While we sing, the congregation will be sprinkled with the waters of the baptismal font to remember their baptisms.*