

The Epiphany I Renewal of Baptismal Vows

(The suggested Epiphany I form courtesy of Canon Leonel Mitchell)

If there are no baptisms, the presider invites the people to renew their baptismal vows.

If there are baptisms, the invitation may be inserted into the baptismal rite immediately before "Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant."

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now (join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and) renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew
your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God' help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God' help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has a given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and
bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us ✠ in eternal
life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*