

The Baptismal Covenant

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

People fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
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's help.

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

People I will, with God's 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.

Concluding Collect

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*
(Book of Common Prayer, pp. 304-305, 306)
Whatever you are to do today, try seeing it as way that God is calling you live into the promises and vows of your baptism as a

Christian. How is God calling you to minister today? How is God calling you to live out your Baptismal Covenant? Place your life today side by side with the Covenant, and consider these questions:

- How is God calling you today to participate in the life of your faith community? For whom are you called to pray or be present today?
- What evil is God calling you to resist or repent of today?
- How is God calling you to make the Gospel's message of love and hope known to someone else today?
- In your home, your community, or your place of work or school today, how is God calling you to seek out and serve Christ in the people around you? Who is your neighbor that God is calling you to reach out and love?
- In what way(s), large or small, is God asking you today, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be part of Christ's work for justice and peace for everyone, in every place, and to uphold the dignity of every human being, created in the image of God?

Remember, God's promise, always, is to be with us to help us live into our promises and vows. God is faithful, and does not ask us to do these things alone.

Use the Journal Space on the reverse to record your meditation. Conclude by praying the Collect at the end of the Baptismal Covenant.

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Meditating on Your Baptismal Covenant



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