

Welcome Rite for New Members of the Congregation

Presider I welcome new members of the congregation to come forward.

The Presider invites the new members to introduce themselves to the congregation.

After the introductions, the Presider leads members, new and old, in renewing their commitment to membership at Church of the Epiphany.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you seek to be faithful in the worship of God and participate in the life of this community of faith?

I will, with God's help.

Will you participate in a life of service to those who are poor, outcast or powerless?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you, and how they might be used in building up God's realm?

I will, with God's help.

Will you commit your time, talent and money to this congregation, and to its ministry in this city and in the world?

I will, with God's help.

Addressing members of the congregation

Will you support these persons in their new life at Church of the Epiphany?

We will.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God our Maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. Bless these new members of Church of the Epiphany. Strengthen their union with the whole body of Christ as they join us in our life of praise and service; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome these new members of this community of faith.

We recognize you as members of the household of God and welcome you as members of this congregation. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.