

## Welcome Rite for New Members of the Congregation

*The new members are introduced to the congregation.*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Answer*     **I do.**

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

*Answer*     **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 kingdom?

*Answer*     **I will, with God's help.**

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

*Answer*     **I will, with God's help.**

*Addressing members of the congregation*

Will all you support these persons in their new life in this church?

*People*     **We will.**

*Celebrant*     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. Strengthen their union with the rest of the 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

Let us welcome these new members into our community.

*People*     **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.**

**The Exchange of the Peace**