



An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Hampshire



Church of the Holy Spirit

Plymouth, NH

Concerning the Service of Baptism

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. (That is, God will never break the covenant and promise made at baptism.)

Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.

At the time of a baptism all members of the church renew their baptismal vows along with a promise to support those who are being baptized. We join those being baptized by making the following covenant with God who daily makes a covenant with us and all people to be with us all the days of our lives. If you seek a deeper relationship with God through the Church of the Holy Spirit, we welcome you warmly to join us in our journey of faith. If you would like more information regarding baptism please call the rector.

The Baptismal Covenant (a covenant is a promise we make)

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'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.