

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

At St. Lydia's Baptistry, on the banks of the River Gangites (Zigaktis) (Tuesday, 31 May 2022)



And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*.

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us*, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Acts 16:13-15 (RAV)

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The president says

In our baptism we died with Christ and were buried with him, so that we might rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

We now meet, where Apostle Paul baptized Lydia, to renew the promises made at our baptism, to affirm our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?
Answer **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your Sins?
Answer **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?
Answer **I renounce evil.**

The president says

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?
Answer **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?
Answer **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit?
Answer **I believe and trust in him.**

The president says

This is the faith of the Church.
All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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All **Lord Jesus, we thank you
for all the benefits you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly?
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen**

Richard of Chichester (1252)

The president says

Let us re-affirm of our baptismal vows by signing each other with the sign of the cross with the waters of the Gangites.