

Affirmation of Baptism with Name Change

RECOGNITION OF RENAMING

[Name], Beloved of God who continues to shape us, inviting us to claim for ourselves the fullness of who God has created us to be. Throughout history, individuals, as they have claimed their unique personhood more fully, have been given a new name, a testimony of their faithfulness.

Abram was renamed Abraham. Sarai was renamed Sarah. Simon was renamed Peter. We know that renaming is an affirmation of God's continued presence in our lives.

Today, you stand before us - your life a testimony to the God who makes all things new. What name do you choose for yourself?

[Person states their own name]

My Friends, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Today we use water as a reminder to you that God continues to claim you and sustain you. May these waters refresh and renew you on your journey of faith.

Laying on of hands

[Name], you are God's beloved child. May you continue to be a faithful follower of Jesus, glorifying God through all that you do and all that you are. The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

[Name], the Spirit of God which has flown through you since your birth continue to sustain you in faith through all your days.

May God's renewing love offer you healing and peace.

May that love which flows through you

be a beacon of compassion, love, and peace;

that through your blessings others may be blessed.

Note for anyone performing these acts:

Some members of the transgender community do not like to be touched for any number of reasons. Therefore, it is important that each person who comes for these acts be asked whether or not the person performing this service may lay their hands on the individual who comes forward for the act.