

Renewal of Vows



I invite you now to recall the vows that you made at your wedding.

Colin and Janet turn and face each other and hold hands.

Colin says

I, Colin, took you, Janet, to be my wife;

Janet says

I, Janet, took you, Colin, to be my husband;

The couple say together

to have and to hold from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law, and this was our solemn vow. Today, in the presence of our family and friends, we affirm our continuing commitment to this vow.

The minister says to the congregation

Will you, the family and friends of Colin and Janet, continue to support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

We will.

Blessing of Marriage

The couple kneel together.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace that you may please him both in body and soul, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.

Deacon: You give joy to husband and wife.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: You have brought new life to mankind.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

Deacon: You bring us together in love.

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Deacon: One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him you have made a covenant of grace with your people by the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. We praise you for the gift of marriage in which the love of husband and wife is brought together and reflects your plan of love for the world. We thank you today for Janet and Colin, and for leading them to each other in friendship and love, commitment and trust, and for bringing them here for the blessing of their marriage.

Living God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, may they know the risen Christ to be with them now, as they celebrate this covenant together. May their lives be a witness to your saving love in this troubled world. As you pour out your love, may they grow together in your sight, and each be to the other a companion in joy, a comfort in sorrow and a strength in need. As you blessed the earthly home at Nazareth with the presence of your Son, may their home be a place of security and peace.

And bring us all at the last to that great marriage banquet of your Son in our home in heaven, here, with all your saints and angels, in the glory of your presence, we will for ever praise you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exchange of peace

The Peace

The Lord of glory be with you.

And also with you



God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.