




Rembrandt van Rijn. *The Hundred Guilder Print*. 1649. Etching & Engraving.

# The Baptismal Covenant: Your Guide to a Jesus- Centered Life

## Session 5: Telling the Story



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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1. Introduction
  2. The Creed
  3. Affirmations & Renunciations
  4. Promises 1 – Worship
  - 5. Promises 2 – Resist Evil and Share the Good News**
  6. Promises 3 – Love your Neighbor and Work for Justice

Confirmation / Reception / Reaff Retreat: March 2

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# Some Review: What is the Baptismal Covenant?



# What's a Covenant?



von Carolsfeld, Julius Schnorr. *Moses back from Sinai with Tablets*. Engraving, 1860. Excerpt.

- Things God promises to do
  - Noah, Abraham, Moses, Mary
  - “New Covenant”: Jesus Christ
- Things God’s people promise to do in response
  - 10 Commandments, David & Kings
  - “New Covenant”: Jesus Christ
- Always in that order




A Covenant with whom?  
The Creed(s)

# Renunciations & Affirmations

- Part of Baptism liturgy (BCP 302) and Confirmation / Reception liturgy
- Part of ancient Examination before Baptism
  - Renunciation of Satan [and sin]
  - Recitation of the Creed



*Baptism Procession.* Dura Europos, Syria. c. 232 CE.  
Baptistery reconstructed, frescoes original.



**Communal Act – together as the  
whole Body of the faithful**



# The Promises

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the 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?

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# The Promises

*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?

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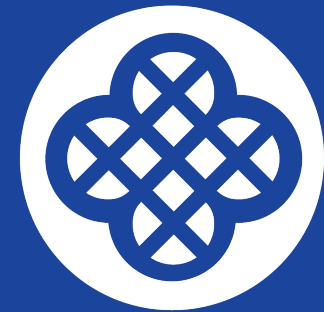
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# How do you repent and return?

- Identify failings
  - Private prayer (conscience)
  - Community
- Repent
  - Corporate confession
  - Private confession (reconciliation)
- Return
  - Restitution
  - Feel Grace



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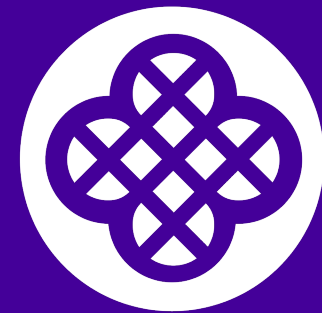
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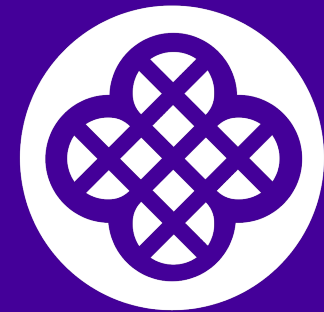
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# How do you tell the story by word and example?

- Learn the story
  - Church, community, and your own life
  - When have you received Grace?
- Tell the Story of God in Christ by word
  - Share about St. George's
  - Tell your own story
  - Were you surprised by the way we do church here? Tell others!
- Tell the Story by example
  - In your vocation
  - In your ministry



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Questions?



# Small Groups

- What does repentance look like for you lately?
- How do you tell the story of the Good News? (or what is it??)

