

Service of Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Vero Essene Yahad – Priest and People

Introduction

Sisters and brothers in Messiah: through the rite of baptism
Elohim's Ruach has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will do teshuvah and receive it,
water from the streams of Elohim's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.
Today we come to these waters afresh,
to renew our commitments in each other's presence
to Messiah who has raised us, the Ruach who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Priest: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

People: **We renounce the all forces of wickedness,**

Reject all evil powers of this world,

And now I turn away and turn back

To the ways of YHWH Elohim,

As recorded in the Torah, the Rule and the Vow!

Will you let the Ruach use you as prophets, to speak to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power Elohim gives us

To resist evil, injustice, and oppression

And to show the light on them and expose them,

No matter in what forms they might appear!

Will you proclaim the good news, teach as Messiah's ways, and be his body?

Yes! We confess Yahshua Messiah as our Savior,

put our whole trust in his power and mercy,

and promise to serve him as our Master and Commander,

in union with the Yahad and General Body of Messiah,

which is opened to people of all ages, nations and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together,
wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Messiah's Yahad
And serve as Messiah's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Nazorean Faith as contained in sacred writings both old and new?

**We affirm and teach the faith of Elohim's Community
As we put our trust in Yahshua Messiah
As we follow the leading of the Qadosh Ruach,
As we esteem our ordained leaders, as we share our burdens with one another.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Master of the Sea is with us.
Even so, Yahshua come!

Let us pray.
Almighty Elohim, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Yahshua Messiah will never die.
Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows. Your Ruach blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, Elohim!**

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Ruach,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.
We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O Elohim. Come, refresh us!

*The priest offers gestures of calling upon the Qadosh Ruach to come upon the people
and the water.*

The people are invited to offer the same gestures as they respond.

Come upon us, Qadosh Ruach!

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Come upon these waters.

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Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Yahshua.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Qadosh Elohim, Abba YHWH!

Honor to you!

King Messiah, Savior, Master!
**Honor to you! For Yours is the Reign,
the Authority, the Radiance
ha Olam va-ed!**

Remember your baptism, and rejoice!

The Water

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to use the water as a sign of refreshing. As each uses the water, another says to her or him.

Apolysis

May You be esteemed, O YHWH our Elohim, our hope; much fame to You.

**Glory to the Father now and ever, to the ages upn ages. Amein. YH have mercy;
YH have mercy; Kyrie Eleison! Priest, now bid us the blessing.**

He Who designed us to be baptized in the Jordan by John for the remission of our sins and entrance into the Kingdom, our true Elohim; through the intercessions of the set-apart and highly esteemed prophet, forerunner and dunker John, sent by the set-apart and esteemed Echad to all the Qaddoshim; have mercy and save us as our good and loving Master; this we pray!

Amein.

The service is finito.