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For those baptised at some time in the past who come to make their own confession of Christian faith and enter into the full privileges and responsibilities of membership of Christ's Church.

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and encouraged to choose appropriate Bible passages, and to write or prepare their own prayers and material to use alongside or instead of the examples here. Thee, we of e b e s h e s e i c e b y g e b e s .

The service follows after the reading of Scripture and the proclamation of the Word.

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By the sacrament of baptism we are all made one in the Body of Christ. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live as the people of God and to serve God's purpose. In baptism God says 'Yes' to us. Today, in response to the call of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit, ... N ... comes Baptism, to say 'Yes' to God, to make his own profession of faith and to receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit so that he may be a faithful follower/s of Christ and member of the Church.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father has loved me, and I have loved the Father; he has chosen me before the world began, that I should bear fruit to the glory of the Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone. The whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

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A large candle, such as an Easter (Paschal) candle, may be lit.

The Apostles' or Nicene Creed or a Statement of Faith of the United Reformed Church may be used (see the statement of faith approved by General Assembly in 1997 [here in a responsive form], or a hymn of faith may be sung.

Let us proclaim the faith of the Church through the ages:

We believe in the one and only God, Eternal Trinity,
from whom, through whom and for whom all created things exist.

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We worship God,
source and sustainer of creation,

A ~~God~~
~~God~~.

Either:

... N ... , you have come in response to the call of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit to confess your faith in Christ. Do you believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, maker of heaven and earth, giver of life,

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or a form including the following elements:

- a Trinitarian confession of faith
- repentance of sin

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An example:

Do you believe that God is the Creator of all things,

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Are you ready to reject all that is wrong in your life and in the world,

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Prayer

As a community of faith, representing the whole Church,
do you welcome ... N ... and promise to share with ... what you yourselves

The congregation may say together:

A I have received
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to the glory of God,
to the glory of God, the eternal and holy Trinity.
Amen

The service continues with the Lord's Supper. The new member(s) may bring forward the bread and wine.

After the dismissal and blessing the Minister (and Elders) may lead the new member(s) through the church and members of the congregation may be encouraged to greet them.