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Brothers and Sisters in Christ: When Jesus was a youth, his parents took him to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. While there, he went to the temple and sat among the teachers listening and asking questions and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. Like Jesus at the Passover festival, these young people desire to understand what it means to have a mature faith. Today they stand before us to accept responsibility for their individual journeys and to claim the promises of Baptism. We enter into covenant with them in this time of transition, that they may increase in wisdom and in years and in human stature.

*The parents of the youth participating in the Orimos liturgy will stand and remain in their pews.*

*The youth, facing their parents, will ask for their blessing.*  
We ask for your blessing, your support and knowledge as we mature in our faith.

*The Parents respond:*  
We bless you. We support you on this journey. Go with God’s grace.

## THE EXAMINATION OF THE CONGREGATION

*The congregation stands.*

*The Priest address the Congregation:*  
As a community of faith, we promise at baptisms to do all in our power to support the newly baptized in their lives in Christ. Will you, as the congregation gathered here today, reaffirm your commitment to this promise with respect to these young people?

- People:

We will, with God’s help.
- Youth:

Will you tell us the truth about your own faith?
- People:

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Will you challenge and help us as we try to understand God in our lives?
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Will you listen and hear us when we speak?
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Will you respect us in our doubts, honor us in our successes, and support us in our failures?
- People:

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Will you show us by word and example what it means to repent and to forgive?
- People:

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Will you work beside us in the Christian life of service and generosity to others?
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You have bid us to maintain our steadfast support with honesty, integrity, and respect. We now ask the same of you. Will you promise, therefore, to continue to learn and to ask and to pray as you enter a new stage in life’s journey?

*Youth:* I will, with God’s help.

*Priest:* Will you faithfully participate in the life of the Church, worshipping, learning and being an active member of our community?

*Youth:* I will, with God’s help.

*Priest:* Will you resist the urge to separate yourself from the faith community when you doubt our relevance, sincerity, and purpose?

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**THE BLESSING**

As a symbol of our commitment to you as young people in this next phase of life, we will now offer a blessing upon each of you as a reminder of the path you choose to live, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Remember that the Prayer Book you have received today is to be used alongside your Bible, to guide you, to give you the words to say when they do not come to you, and to give your spiritual life a framework. By accepting this Prayer Book, you are committing to seek Christ above all others and to be a vital part of this community as you mature in your faith and discern your readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

*The youth and clergy assemble at the altar rail and the Priests offer the following prayer for all those youth participating in this Orimos Liturgy:*

	Oliver Brown Kate Bullard Elizabeth Burns Sarah Green Laura Haltiwanger Drew Hudgens Alice Huntley Smith Mardre Virginia Nelson Foster Smythe Auggie Springhart Louisa Stewart Scott Tate Heyward Williams Mary-Bess Williams Emmaline Wills
<i>Priest:</i>	Stay with us, and may Almighty God keep your steps from wandering from the way of truth and cause you to walk in the paths of peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
	<i>After all youth have received the blessing and returned to their seats, all stand for the continuation of the liturgy.</i>
<i>Priest:</i>	Let us join with those who are taking this step in faith and reaffirm what we believe, using the words of the Nicene Creed, found on page 358 in the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> .

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