

CONFIRMATION

AT

THE EUCHARIST

By the Bishop of XXXX

Church

Date & Time

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION:

Names...

THE GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

THE GREETING

*Bishop* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

*Bishop* There is one body and one Spirit;

*All* **There is one hope to which we were called.**

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

*All* **One God and Father of all.**

*Bishop* Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*A Gloria may be included*

THE COLLECT

*Bishop* Let us now pray in silence for those who have

turned to Christ and seek the grace of his Spirit.

The whole congregation prays for a while in silence.

*Bishop* collect for the day

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Sit

THE FIRST READING:

At the end

*Reader* For the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HYMN

All remain standing for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING:

*Minister* Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to N.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord!**

At the end

*Minister* This is the gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE SERMON

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The candidates gather before the bishop*

*Bishop* Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

*Candidates* I have.

*Bishop* Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I am.

*The bishop addresses the whole congregation*

*Bishop* People of God, will you welcome *these candidates* and uphold *them* in *their* life in Christ?  
*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

THE DECISION

The Paschal Candle is lit. The Bishop addresses the candidates.

*Bishop* In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

*Bishop* Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*Candidates* I reject them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God

and neighbour?

*Candidates* I repent of them.

*Bishop* Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*Candidates* I turn to Christ.

*Bishop* Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*Candidates* I submit to Christ.

*Bishop* Do you come to Christ, the way,

the truth and the life?

*Candidates* I come to Christ.

*Bishop* May God who has given you the desire to follow

Christ give you strength to continue in the Way.

*All* **Amen.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Bishop* Brothers and sisters, I ask you all to join with

these candidates in professing the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*All* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our**

**Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the**

**Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the**

**dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit?

*All* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Bishop* Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship

in the household of faith

with all who have been baptized into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect

in your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**THE CONFIRMATION**

The congregation prayerfully sits or kneels.

The candidates gather around the Bishop.

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord

*All* **who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the name of the Lord

*All* **now and for ever. Amen.**

The Bishop stretches out his hands towards them and says

*Bishop* Almighty and ever-living God,

you have given your servants new birth

in baptism by water and the Spirit,

and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;

the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;

and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

In turn, the candidates come to kneel before the bishop.

*N,* God has called you by name and

made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant, *N,*

with your Holy Spirit.

The congregation, whether kneeling or sitting, during the laying on of hands, is asked to remain in prayer for the candidates.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid:

**All Defend, O Lord,**

**these your servants with your**

**heavenly grace,**

**that they may continue yours for ever,**

**and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more**

**and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom.**

**Amen.**

Brief intercessions may follow

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Stand

THE PEACE

*Bishop* If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away; the new has come.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The newly-confirmed candidates return to their seats and share the Peace with family and friends.

HYMN

During the hymn the altar is prepared

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface may be printed and must certainly be provided on the altar..**

**The Bishop praises God for His mighty acts and we respond by saying:**

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Bishop* We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine out-poured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died

he had supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.

Again he gave you thanks, shared it and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Bishop* Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints,

to be with you for ever at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Bishop* Jesus taught us to call God our Father,

and so in faith and trust we pray

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done;  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

*Bishop* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*  **Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

*All* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

*Bishop* Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion will be distributed. Hymns may be sung at this time. Local instructions may be needed...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Bishop* God of glory,

you inspire us with the breath of life

which brought to birth a new world in Christ.

May we who are reborn in him

be transformed by the renewal of our lives,

that the light of your new creation

may flood the world with your abundant grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son**

**Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our**

**souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

HYMN

*During this hymn all the newly confirmed are given candles lit from the Paschal Candle, the sign of the Risen Christ.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

THE GIVING OF LIGHT

The candidates gather with the Bishop at the front of the church as they receive a lit candle

*Bishop* Receive this light.

Walk in the light of the Lord

and rejoice in his presence.

*All* **Shine as a light in the world**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

THE BLESSING and COMISSION

*Bishop* Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All*  With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All*  With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

*All* With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
 loving your neighbour as yourself?  
*All*  With the help of God, I will.

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ’s authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*All* With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

*All* **With the help of God I will.**

*Bishop* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop leads the newly confirmed, carrying their lighted candles, through the Church, to the applause of the congregation.*

*The congregation follows them out to the west end.*