

Service of Confirmation

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service is intended for those who have been Christened or baptized when young, that they can affirm and confirm the decision made on their behalf. It is expected that the candidate will have received some instruction on Christian belief and will have developed their own faith. They should be able to recite the Lords Prayer, understand the Ten Commandments and have a grasp of Christian teaching. They will not be tested on this at this service, but will have satisfied their proposer of these things beforehand. If more than one candidate, the Response is said individually. Their proposer will share in the Blessing. Each proposer shares in this collectively with the bishop. This service is intended to be used as part of another service and mass shall be celebrated

Introit

The bishop is seated on the faldstool and says:

Bishop: Let those who are to be confirmed come forward.

All: Amen.

The proposer(s) will lead the candidate(s) forward

The Charge

Addressing the congregation the Bishop says:

Bishop: For the good of His Kingdom God requires all to be baptized of their own volition. Those who have been Christened or baptized when young are called to re-affirm the decision made on their behalf in earlier years. As these persons having learned what their Godfathers and Godmothers promised for them in Christening or baptism, they may themselves, with their own word and consent, openly before God, ratify and confirm the same.

Addressing the proposer the Bishop says:

Bishop: Do you know this person to have been earlier Christened or baptized? And do you know of their Christian belief since?

Proposer: I do know this.

Addressing the candidate the Bishop says:

Bishop: Do you [candidate name] renew the solemn promise and vow that was made in your name at your Christening or baptism; ratifying and confirming the same in your own name, and acknowledging yourself/yourselves that you believe and accept all those things, which your Godfathers and Godmothers earlier undertook for you?

Response

Each candidate shall answer

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Candidate: Who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Candidate: For evermore world without end.

Bishop: Lord, hear our prayer.

Candidate: And let our praise come to you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who has never left your church without people to love and serve you in your vineyard, bless and empower this/these candidate(s) and grant to him/her/them the Grace and mercy which passes all understanding, this day and for evermore.

All: Amen.

All candidates kneels before the Bishop, who lays the left hand upon the head of every one severally, saying

Bishop: Uphold O Lord, this/these Servant(s) with abundant heavenly grace, that he/she/they may continue in your Kingdom for ever; and increase in him/her/them your Holy Spirit, more and more, until he/she/them come(s) into your everlasting kingdom.

All: Amen.

Addressing the congregation the Bishop says:

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father...

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us both to desire and do those things that are good and acceptable unto your divine Majesty; We pray for these your servant(s), on whom we have laid our hands following the example of the Apostles, to certify them by this sacrament of your mercy and gracious goodness towards them. May your fatherly love always be over him/her/them and your Holy Spirit always be with him/her/them; and lead him/her/them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one eternal God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The blessing

Bishop and Proposer: The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All: Amen.

*Please pray for the people confirmed today, their and your families, work and homes.
Pray that their faith shall increase and they will be joyous in the Kingdom of God. Please
also pray for the Old Catholic Apostolic Church.*