

RITE OF CONFIRMATION DURING MASS
with FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN:

SIGN OF THE CROSS

B. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

GREETING

B. Peace be with you.

All And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

*The Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water (see Appendix II p. 1507 in the Roman Missal) may be used **OR** one of the other choices as given on p.551-555 in the Roman Missal. If the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water is chosen, it is not necessary to pray the following prayer.*

**B. May almighty God have mercy on us,
 forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life.**

All Amen.

GLORIA *(sung if possible)*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,**

we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT *one of the following is used unless the prayers of the day take precedence*

B. Let us pray.

B. Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
 that the Holy Spirit, coming near
 and dwelling graciously within us,
 may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen

OR

B. Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
 we pray, O Lord,
 so that, walking in oneness of faith
 and strengthened by the power of his love,
 we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
 Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

OR

**B. Fulfil for us your gracious promise, O Lord, we pray,
so that by his coming
the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world
to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

All Amen.

OR

**B. May the Paraclete who proceeds from you,
we pray, O Lord,
enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth,
just as your Son has promised.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Bishop shall nominate his preferred choice of readings.

These are to be used unless required to use the proper readings of the day.

Please refer to note #2 in the Guidelines (page 3).

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

A Deacon or concelebrating Priest may proclaim the Gospel

P. The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to

All Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of Confirmation

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

The Parish Priest or another Priest, Deacon, or catechist presents the candidates for Confirmation, according to the custom of the region. The names of the candidates are called and they stand. All sit before the bishop begins his homily.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

**B. Do you renounce Satan,
and all his works,
and all his empty promises?**

All I do.

**B. Do you believe in God
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?**

All I do.

**B. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?**

All I do.

**B. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation
is given to you in a special way,
just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?**

All I do.

**B. Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?**

All I do.

**B. This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to
profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

All Amen.

LAYING OF HANDS

**B. Dearly beloved,
let us pray to God the almighty Father,
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,
that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,
and through his anointing
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.**

The Bishop and the Priests who will minister the Sacrament with him lay hands upon all the candidates (by extending their hands over them). The Bishop alone says:

**B. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who brought these your servants to new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit,
freeing them from sin:
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety;
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Each candidate (and sponsor) goes forward individually and kneels before the Bishop. The sponsor places his (her) right hand on the candidates right shoulder and gives the candidates name to the Bishop; or the candidate may give his (her) own name.

The Bishop dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

B. (N) Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

Candidate: Amen

B. Peace be with you

Candidate: And with your spirit

(During the anointing an appropriate song may be sung. [See suggested song sheet.] After the anointing the Bishop washes his hands.)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Universal Prayer, or the Prayer of the Faithful, follows, **in this or a similar form.**

**B. My dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father
and be of one mind in our prayer,
just as faith, hope and charity,
which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.**

R: For these his servants,
whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed:
that, planted in faith and grounded in love,
they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For their parents and sponsors:
that by word and example
they may continue to encourage
those whom they have sponsored in the faith
to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For the holy Church of God
together with Francis our Pope, Robert our Bishop and all the Bishops:
that, gathered by the Holy Spirit,
the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith and love
until the coming of the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For the whole world:
that all people, who have one Maker and Father,
may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters,
without discrimination of race or nation,
and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God,
which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**B. O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles
and willed that through them and their successors
the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful,
listen favourably to our prayer,
and grant that your divine grace,
which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the Prayer of the Faithful, the Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated according to the Order of Mass with these changes:

- i. the Profession of Faith is omitted, since it has already been made;
- ii. some of the newly confirmed may join with those who bring the gifts to the altar.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Song or Quiet Music

Bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist are brought forward in procession.

**B. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.**

All Blessed be God for ever.

*B. By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*

**B. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.**

All Blessed be God for ever.

B. Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**B. Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.**

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

**B. Receive in your mercy, O Lord,
the prayers of your servants
and grant that, being conformed more perfectly to your Son,
they may grow steadily in bearing witness to him,
as they share in the memorial of his redemption,
by which he gained for us your Holy Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

OR

**B. Accept graciously these your servants, O Lord,
together with your Only Begotten Son,
so that, signed with his Cross and with a spiritual anointing,
they may constantly offer themselves to you
in union with him
and merit each day a greater outpouring of your Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

OR

**B. Accept the oblation of your family,
we pray, O Lord,
that those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit
may keep safe what they have received
and come to eternal rewards.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

B. The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

B. Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

B. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

(Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist)

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.**

**For at the Last Supper with his Apostles,
establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross,
he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb,
the acceptable gift of perfect praise.**

**Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery,
you make them holy, so that the human race,
bounded by one world,
may be enlightened by one faith
and united by one bond of charity.**

**And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament,
so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace,
we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.**

**Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth
sing a new song in adoration,
and we, with all the host of Angels,
cry out, and without end we acclaim:**

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 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.**

*Eucharist Prayer Bishop's choice (see also notes pg 1186 RM for inclusions in
EP II & III regarding Confirmation)
(Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation and Amen sung if possible)*

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

**B. Dearly beloved, let us gather together our petitions,
 praying with one voice,
 as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray.**

**All *Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name....***

**B. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**All For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

**B. Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

All Amen.

B. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

B. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

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

COMMUNION

**B. Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**All Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMNS:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Use one of the following unless required to use prayer of the day

**B. Let us pray.
Accompany with your blessing
from this day forward, O Lord,
those who have been anointed with the Holy Spirit
and nourished by the Sacrament of your Son,
so that, with all trials overcome,
they may gladden your Church by their holiness
and, through their works and their charity,
foster her growth in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

OR

**B. Instruct, O Lord, in the fullness of the Law
those you have endowed with the gifts of your Spirit
and nourished by the Body of your Only Begotten Son,
that they may constantly show to the world
the freedom of your adopted children
and, by the holiness of their lives,
exercise the prophetic mission of your people.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

OR

**B. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love
and, in your kindness,
make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All Amen

The Concluding Rites

SOLEMN BLESSING

B. The Lord be with you
All And with your spirit

B. Bow down for the blessing.

**May God the Father almighty bless you,
 whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters
 reborn from water and the Holy Spirit,
 and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.**

All Amen.

**B. May his Only Begotten Son,
 who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church,
 bless you and confirm you by his power
 in the confession of the true faith.**

All Amen.

**B. May the Holy Spirit,
 who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,
 bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one
 into the joy of the Kingdom of God.**

All Amen.

**B. And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,
 the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.**

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

B: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: