

RITE OF CONFIRMATION OUTSIDE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITE

The celebrant reverences the altar

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

Response: And with your Spirit.

The celebrant greets and welcomes the people

COLLECT

Celebrant: 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,
God, for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 61: 1-3a, 6a

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord, a day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all those who mourn and to give them for ashes a garland; for mourning robe the oil of gladness, for despondency, praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 95 (96)

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy. **R.**

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-4

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (may be sung)

Alleluia
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 4: 16-22

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your Spirit

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

After the Gospel is proclaimed the teacher comes forward and names those who are to be confirmed.

The young people stand as their names are called.

The celebrant then addresses those to be confirmed and the whole assembly – HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant: Dear friends, before you receive the Spirit in this Sacrament of Confirmation, I ask you to renew the profession of faith that was made in your baptism by your parents and godparents.

There is only one God – the God revealed to us by Jesus as a loving Father who cares about each of us. Do you believe in God and in God's love for you?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Jesus, God's own son, came into our world by being born of the Virgin Mary. He died so that we might die to sin. He rose again so that we might rise to newness of life. Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: The true spirit is the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of love and forgiveness, the Spirit of joy and goodness, the Spirit of gentleness and peace. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Church through which the Gospel is preached to the whole world and in which we become brothers and sisters in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Each person has a tremendous dignity as a human being and as a child of God. Do you believe in your own dignity and that of others?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: The works of Satan are seen as acts of injustice and violence, acts of greed and selfishness, acts of pride and vanity. Do you reject Satan and all his works?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: In each of us there is a divine spark which even death cannot extinguish. Do you believe in the life to come?

Candidates: I do.

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

All reply: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF HANDS

The laying on of hands is a sign that God is blessing those who are being confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a sign that God is choosing them for a special mission.

Celebrant: My dear people,
in baptism God our Father gave the new birth of
eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters.
Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the
Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters
with his gifts and anoint them to be more like
Christ the Son of God.

Those who are being confirmed will now stand while the rest of the faithful will kneel. All pray in silence.

The Celebrant and any priest assisting in administering the Sacrament extend their hands over the young people.

Celebrant: All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit,
You freed your sons and daughters from sin and
gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper
and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your
presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The young people come forward to the sanctuary.

Their sponsors come with them to ‘stand behind them’ and present them for Confirmation.

The Celebrant, using a cotton bud, anoints each young person on the forehead, with the Sign of the Cross.

Celebrant: **N**, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Response: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

This anointing is a sign that each one is chosen by God, and consecrated and strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit. The traditional exchange of peace by means of a handshake is omitted.

While the young people are being anointed, appropriate music is used to accompany the rite. At the conclusion of the anointing the celebrant invites the newly confirmed candidates to pray the following:

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER (together):

Holy Spirit, let my heart be open to you;
help me to see Jesus in myself
and in everyone I meet.
Be with me each day for the rest of my life,
in my thoughts, in my words, and in my actions.
Help me to carry out the work
for which I was created and called.
Fill me with your special peace
that I may walk close to Jesus now and forever.
Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: My dear friends let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope and love his Spirit gives.

The intentions are read by some of those who have been confirmed.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: God our Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and through them and their successors you give the Spirit to your people. May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. Through Christ our Lord.

All reply: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Aitheanta an tslánaithe dár dtreorú agus briathar Dé dár dteagasc, tá sé de mhisneach againn a rá:

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht
do ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh, mar a dhéantar ar neamh,
Ár n-áran laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin,
agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ó olc.

The celebrant may wish to make some concluding remarks

THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OFVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: 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.

Response: Amen.

BLESSING

The Celebrant concludes the ceremony of Confirmation with a Blessing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Response: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

Response: **Thanks be to God.**