

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader

For the Church, for Francis our Pope and for William our bishop and for all who serve God's people. May they be wise and holy leaders.

Lord, Hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Reader

For the world.

That God's Spirit may give to old and young alike dreams of peace and visions of justice.

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For those in need.

That the Spirit of God may breathe the new life of hope into those who feel abandoned or alone.

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For those newly confirmed. That through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit they may become messengers of the good news of the resurrection.

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For our families, for our schools and for our local parishes, that we may share our gifts in the service of the Lord.

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For all our dead, that they may be raised by the power of God's Spirit to the joy of eternal life.

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Archdiocese of Glasgow

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

2023—2024
PREPARATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Sacrament of Confirmation will follow the order as laid out in the Rite of Confirmation (2016). Every effort should be made not to cloud the liturgy with other elements. These often detract from the central gestures of prayer, the laying on of hands, the anointing with Chrism and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Incidences where children might be viewed as “performing” either in song, mime or any other way should be avoided. The liturgy should be celebrated in a dignified but simple manner.

When Mass is celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place after the proclamation of the Gospel.



Musical suggestions given throughout this text are given as examples and may be substituted for others appropriate hymns.

Some Practical Considerations.

- The Archbishop should be invited to vest with the clergy.
- Parish Priests are kindly asked to gather the names of the children in their parish who are seeking Confirmation. These should be forwarded to the host parish no later than one week before the Sacrament is due to take place.
- The Parish Priest of the host parish is asked to co-ordinate seating. The children should sit together at the front of the church, with their sponsors sitting in the correct order on the other side of the church. This might be best achieved either by placing labels on seats or by having the sponsors and the children process into the church before the liturgy begins.
- The Parish Priest in the host parish is asked to be in contact with the schools involved and agree who should read the First Reading. This could be read by a teacher or a senior pupil.
- The Prayers of the Faithful (six in number) should be distributed among the various groups of children. The host Parish Priest is kindly asked to agree with the schools which children are to read these prayers. The Parish Priest of the host parish is asked to please organize the Procession of the Gifts.
- Where the liturgy is taking place in the Cathedral the Curial Offices will invite one of the Parish Priests involved to co-ordinate these preparations.
- If required a small group of singers, or a cantor could be made be available to support the singing of the congregation. Should this kind of assistance be required the Parish Priest in the host parish might contact Mgr. Fitzpatrick.
- The host parish is kindly asked to prepare a booklet for the Liturgy of Confirmation choosing suitable music for the celebration of the Sacrament.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, holy (sung) Schutte

Memorial Acclamation (sung) Schutte

(Other settings of the Mass may be used but these should follow the text of the Roman Missal 2010)

The Communion Rite

Our Father

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God (sung) Schutte

Communion Procession

Hymn 1 *Bread of Life*
(Bernadette Farrell)

Hymn 2 *This is my Body*
(Jimmy Owens, Damian Lundy)

Concluding Rites

The Blessing

Hymn *This is our Faith*
(Peter Rose & Anne Conlon SCES)



THE LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.

(Helen Kennedy)

Penitential Act

The Gloria (except in the Seasons of Advent and Lent)

The Gloria should be sung

Opening Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-6. 14.22-23.32-33

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak..

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 61

Send forth your spirit. O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

(An alternative psalm might be used but it should be a psalm rather than a hymn or a paraphrase of a psalm.)

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Gospel

John 14: 15-17

The Spirit of truth will be with you forever.

(In the absence of a deacon, one of the priests present should read the Gospel.)

THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

After the gospel the candidates are called by name. **Priests representing each of the parishes involved call out the names of those to be confirmed ("From the Parish of — the following children —").** Those to be confirmed stand as their name is called and say "I am here". After all of the candidates have been presented the bishop will address the candidates and all those present on the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE HOMILY

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the homily those to be confirmed should stand to renew their baptismal promises. They should hold candles lit from the Paschal Candle.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Following the Renewal of Baptismal Promises the bishop stands and after a period of prayer stretches his hands over the candidates before praying the Prayer for the Laying on of Hands. The silence that accompanies this prayer should be strictly observed.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

After the Prayer for the Laying on of Hands the bishop anoints the candidates with the Oil of Chrism. During this anointing, the congregation continues to pray and to sing. Each candidate makes their way to the bishop accompanied by their sponsor who places his or her hand on the shoulder of the person who is to be confirmed. **Candidates should either wear a badge or label with their Baptismal Name followed by the name they have chosen for Confirmation.** Alternatively this information is contained on a card which is shown to the bishop.

During the Anointing with Chrism the following, or other suitable hymns, should be sung as required.

*Hymn 1 Come Holy Ghost, creator, come
(Traditional)*

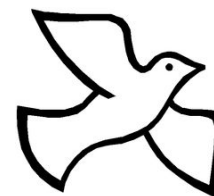
*Hymn 2 Holy Spirit of Fire
(John Glynn)*

*Hymn 3 Holy Spirit, come confirm us
(Brian Foley)*

There is no need for the newly confirmed to sing as a group after the anointing is complete.

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Some children should be invited to read the General Intercessions. A text for the Prayer of the Faithful is at the end of this booklet.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

The Procession of the Gifts should bring forward the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist. Some of the newly confirmed should carry the gifts in the procession.

*Hymn Lord I Give My Life To You
(Peter Rose & Anne Conlon)*