

Confirmation

1 *The minister reads these words of INTRODUCTION:*

Our church requires that all who come to confirmation should know and understand the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and be able to answer the other questions in the catechism.

When they come of age those baptized as infants may openly take upon themselves and confirm, before the people of God, the promises made in their name by their godparents. They should seek the help and grace of God to enable them to remain faithful to their profession of faith. This we urge those who come now to confirmation to do, praying that they would know the Holy Spirit as their strength and guide as they serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 *The bishop asks those who have come to confirmation:*

Do you here in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn promises made in your name at your baptism? Do you confirm that you repent of your sins and renounce evil; that you sincerely believe and trust in Christ; and that you will faithfully obey God all the days of your life?

Answer **I do.**

Bishop Let us pray that God will strengthen with his Holy Spirit these persons who now confirm their commitment to those promises made at their baptism and that they will serve Christ the Lord faithfully all their days.

All Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord

All **now and for evermore.**

Bishop Lord, hear our prayer,

All **and let our cry come to you.**

3 *The bishop continues in prayer:*

Almighty and everliving God,
 by whose grace these your servants
 have been born again of water and the Spirit
 and have received forgiveness of all their sins:
 strengthen them with the Holy Spirit the Comforter;
 daily increase in them your gifts of grace;
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of guidance and strength,
 the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
 and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of your holy fear,
 both now and for ever. **Amen.**

4 *Those who have come to confirmation kneel before the bishop. He lays his hand upon the head of each and prays:*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N*
 with your heavenly grace,
 that *he* may continue yours for ever;
 and daily increase in your Holy Spirit
 until *he* comes to your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

5 *Then the bishop says:*

	The Lord be with you.
All	And with your spirit.
Bishop	Let us pray.

6 THE LORD'S PRAYER:

	<i>either</i>	<i>or</i>
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	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins 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.

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7 *The bishop continues in prayer:*

Almighty and everliving God,
 you teach us both to intend and to do those things
 that are good and acceptable in your sight.
 We humbly pray for these your servants
 upon whom we have laid our hands,
 following the example of your holy apostles.
 Reassure them of your favour and goodness;
 let your fatherly hand always be over them;
 may your Holy Spirit be ever with them;
 lead them into all truth;
 and teach them to obey your Word
 so that in the end they obtain eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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All **Almighty and everlasting God,
 be pleased, we pray,
 to direct, sanctify,
 and govern our hearts and bodies
 so that we will keep your laws
 and obey your commands;
 and grant that through your mighty protection
 we may be preserved in body and soul,
 both here and for ever,
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

9 *The bishop prays for those who have come to confirmation:*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

No persons shall be admitted to the Holy Communion until they have been confirmed, or have been prepared for confirmation and wish to be confirmed.