

Confirmation and Holy Communion (BCP) (2016)

An Introit may be sung or said as the bishop proceeds to the Holy Table.

The bishop standing at the Table, shall say in an audible voice the Lord's Prayer with the Collect following, the people kneeling.

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

Then may be sung or said:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the bishop shall say:

The Lord be with you;
People: **And with thy Spirit.**
Bishop: Let us pray.

Then shall be said The Collect of the Day, or else the following:

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in thy Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

If the Epistle (Lesson) and Gospel of the Day are clearly inappropriate, a selection from the following may be made:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Matthew 5:1-12

Isaiah 61:1-9

Romans 12:1-8

Luke 4:16-21



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Then, the people being seated, the priest or other person appointed shall read the Epistle, saying:

“The Epistle (or the Lesson) is written in the . . . chapter . . . beginning at the . . . verse.”

And the reading ended, he/she shall say:

“Here endeth the Epistle (or the Lesson).”

Here may follow a Psalm or a Hymn.

Then shall the people stand for the Gospel; and the deacon or priest who reads shall say:

“The Holy Gospel is written in the . . . chapter of the Gospel according to Saint . . . beginning at the . . . verse.”

Then shall the people sing or say:

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

And after the reading of the Gospel they shall sing or say:

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Confirmation

The minister shall present those that are to be confirmed unto the bishop and say:

“Reverend Father/Mother in God, I present unto you *these persons* to receive the laying on of hands.”

Bishop: Take heed that the persons whom ye present be duly prepared and meet to receive the laying on of hands.

Minister: I have instructed *them* and inquired of *them* and believe *them* so to be.

The bishop shall then require The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, saying:

Do you here, in the presence of God, and of this Congregation, renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Answer: I do.



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Bishop: Let us recite the Articles of our Belief.

Then shall be said by the bishop and all the candidates, and the whole congregation, the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the Body, And the Life Everlasting. AMEN.

Then shall the bishop demand of each of the persons to be Confirmed:

Answer: Do you profess this faith?

Bishop: I do.

Answer: Will you endeavour to keep God's holy will and commandments and to walk in the same all the days of your life?

Bishop: I will, God being my helper.

Then shall the bishop proceed with the Confirmation, commending those who are to be Confirmed to the prayers of the Congregation and saying:

Answer: Our help is in the name of the Lord;
Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer: **Henceforth, world without end.**

Bishop: Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by Water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins: Confirm and strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Spirit and Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Then all of them in order kneeling before the bishop, he/she shall lay his/her hand upon the head of every one severally, saying:

Defend, O Lord, this thy Servant with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit; more and more, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. **AMEN.**



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The Offertory

One or more of the Sentences may be said.

The churchwardens, or others appointed by them, shall collect the offerings of the people, and reverently bring them to the priest, who shall humbly present and place them upon the Holy Table.

The priest shall at the time of the Offertory present and place on the Lord's Table so much Bread and Wine as he/she shall think sufficient, the same being brought to him/her, if so desired, by the churchwardens or other representatives of the people.

The Bread shall be the best and purest wheat bread, whether leavened or unleavened, and the Wine pure grape wine, with which a little water may be mingled.

Then may be said or sung:

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee.

Then the priest or one of the ministers shall say:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made by all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both priest and people humbly kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the bishop stand up, and turning himself/herself to the people, pronounce this Absolution:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*The bishop shall then proceed with the Holy Eucharist in **Thanksgiving and Consecration**, as set forth on p. 78 and following. The prayer of humble access is to be omitted in this service*

