

Celebration of Confirmation And First Eucharist

**By His Excellency
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Children receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist may process in with the procession if your parish would like.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Chant _____

Altar Servers: When the Bishop arrives at the foot of the sanctuary, take the miter and crosier before he goes to kiss the altar.

Greeting

Bishop: ***I*** **In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

All: Amen.

Bishop: ***P*** **Peace be with you.**

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite or Sprinkling Rite in the Easter Season

*for the Sprinkling Rite a suitable song may be sung _____

Glory to God (Sung)

Altar Server: brings the Roman Missal to the Bishop as the song ends.

Collect

*The collect can be found in 'The Order of Confirmation' book or in the Roman Missal

*If your Confirmation is in the Easter Season or on a Solemnity please use the Collect of the Sunday or special day

Liturgy of the Word

Servers: 1st & 2nd readings: When the bishop sits for the readings he needs the mitre.

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Altar Servers: Gospel Acclamation: The server receives the mitre from the bishop and gives the bishop the crozier.

Gospel

Altar Servers: After the Gospel: The bishop receives the mitre and gives the server the crozier.

Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of the Candidates

Pastor: Bishop Stephen,
on behalf of our parish community
I present these candidates for the sacrament of
confirmation.

*In smaller parishes each child may be named... or they stand as a whole group, then may be seated again once all have been named

Homily

Altar Servers: The server brings the crozier to the bishop.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises (Candidates Stand)

**Candles may be used if the parish wishes

Bishop: ***Do*** you renounce Satan,
and all his works, and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: ***D*o 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?**

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: ***D*o 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?**

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: ***D*o you believe in the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?**

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: ***T*his is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

All: Amen

Laying on of Hands

Altar Servers: the server receives the mitre and crosier from the bishop (Stay close by he will need them again when he is done praying this prayer)

*The Candidates for Confirmation move to stand in the center Isle.

Bishop: *D*earely 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.

All pray in silence for a brief period.

*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:

*A*lmighty 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.

*T*hrough Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Altar Servers: The server again gives the bishop the mitre and crosier.

Anointing with Chrism

*The candidates go in turn with their parents and sponsors to be confirmed.

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:

(child's name) be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

The newly confirmed responds: Amen.

Bishop: *Peace* be with you.

The newly confirmed responds: And with your spirit.

*For the smaller parishes an acclamation may be sung after all the candidates have been anointed. For those larger parishes an appropriate song may be sung during the anointing.

**** Please have a towel handy or close by if there are many to be confirmed as the Bishop's hand will be very oily.**

Altar Servers: The server receives the mitre and crosier from the bishop.

Universal Prayer

Bishop: *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.

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.

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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.

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God
together with *N.* our Pope, *N.* 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.

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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.

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bishop: *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.

***T*hrough Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts _____

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lamb of God

Communion _____

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Blessing

Altar Servers: The bishop will need the miter and crosier for the Final Blessing.

Deacon/ Priest: Bow down for the blessing

Bishop: *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

Bishop: *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

Bishop: *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

Bishop: *And* may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the Father +, and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon/Priest: Filled with the power of the Spirit,
let us go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn _____