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A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

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Song

Welcomes etc

The candidates are presented to the Bishop

Let us pray

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, by your Holy Spirit you have called these your servants and made them your children by adoption and grace; mercifully grant that, being strengthened by the same Spirit, they may continue your servants and receive your promises; through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Readings

Sermon

Bishop Rob Forsyth

Song

THE DECISION

The bishop says to the candidates

Those who are to be confirmed come to make for themselves the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. You must therefore declare your allegiance to Christ and your rejection of all that is evil: the devil and all his works, the empty display and false values of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh.

Therefore I ask you. *(Each candidate in turn stands and is addressed individually)*

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

The bishop says to the candidates

You who are to be confirmed must now yourselves profess before God and his church the Christian faith into which you were baptised.

Therefore I ask you to say the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Will you, with God's help, strive to keep his holy will and commandments and serve him faithfully throughout your life?

I will.

The bishop says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to God's call to love and serve him. Will you support them in this high calling?

We will do so.

THE CONFIRMATION

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.

Let us pray that God will enrich with his Holy Spirit each of these who have been baptised and confessed Christ.

Almighty and everliving God, you have been pleased to grant to your servants new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and have given them forgiveness of their sins; strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit; grant that they may grow in grace; and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them, Father, with wonder and awe in your presence, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The bishop lays his hand on each of the candidates individually.

Defend, O Lord, this your servant [*name*] with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit until *he/she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. **Amen.****

Almighty and everliving God, we pray for these your servants upon whom, after the example of the apostles, we have now laid our hands to assure them of your love for them. May your fatherly hand ever protect them. Let your Holy Spirit ever be with them to lead them into all truth and to uphold them in obedience to your word. Strengthen them with your heavenly grace as they spiritually feed on Christ and keep them in eternal life; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Other Prayers

Song

[BEFORE THE BLESSING AT THE END OF THE SERVICE]

The bishop says to the congregation

Those who have been baptised and confirmed, and desire to acknowledge the obligation of membership in the church, are called to study and seek to understand the Bible and the Christian faith more fully, to take their part in the life of the church, to hear the word of God and share in the holy communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly both publicly and privately.

They are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. And they are called to love their neighbour as themselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice.

I invite all of you to commit yourselves to this calling.

**We gladly do so.
May the Holy Spirit strengthen us
for the work he calls us to do.**

The Blessing