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Template / Guide to preparing the liturgy of:

ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION WITHIN MASS

Enter the Church Name, Suburb/Town

Enter Day, Date, Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Candidates are seated with their sponsors, family and friends

Commentator: Welcome

Welcome to our young parishioners, who are about to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and be drawn more closely to the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion during our celebration today.

Welcome to their families, their sponsors and their friends; welcome to the members of our parish and school community who have assembled here this **morning/evening**.

THIS SECTION SHOULD NOT BE AMENDED. ONLY CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND SHOULD BE ADDED.

Acknowledgement of Country.

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional land of the **eg. Kurna** people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the **Kurna** people as the custodians of this region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to those living today.

Please stand and join in our gathering song, **Add name of your chosen hymn**

Entrance Song: Add details of your chosen hymn

LITURGICAL GREETING

After making, together with the ministers, the usual reverence to the altar, Celebrant greets the congregation:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Brief words of welcome from the celebrant

PENITENTIAL ACT (3RD FORM)

GLORIA:

COLLECT:

Celebrant Let us pray *(pause for prayer)*
Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Readings may be taken in whole or in part from the Mass of the Day or from the texts for confirmation in the Lectionary for Mass (no.s 763 – 767). A digital copy is available via the Office for Worship website www.ofw-adelaide.org.au

FIRST READING: (CAN BE FROM CONFIRMATION TEXTS OR FROM THE MASS OF THE DAY)
Add details of First Reading here

A brief time of silence follows for personal reflection on God's word.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (CAN BE FROM CONFIRMATION TEXTS OR FROM THE MASS OF THE DAY)
Enter chosen Responsorial Psalm here

SECOND READING: (SHOULD BE A READING FROM THE MASS OF THE DAY)
Add details of Second Reading here

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Add details of chosen Acclamation here

GOSPEL: (SHOULD BE FROM THE MASS OF THE DAY, IF APPROPRIATE, ELSE FROM THE CONFIRMATION TEXTS)
Add details of Gospel Reading here

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Commentator: **Add celebrant's name here**, I wish to present to you the following young people who have asked to be confirmed. During the past months they have grown and journeyed together, reflecting on their lives and their own experiences. At the same time, they have grown in knowledge and love of God: that same knowledge and love they have shared within their families and within the life of our Church.

I now present the candidates for Confirmation. Children, as I call your name I invite you to stand in your place and remain standing until all the names have been called.

Celebrant briefly addresses the children and then invites them to sit as he preaches the homily.

HOMILY: Celebrant

THIS SECTION MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR LITURGY. NO CHANGES ARE PERMITTED. RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant: My dear young people, before you are confirmed I invite you to come forward and stand before the congregation as you make your own the promises your parents and godparents made for you at your baptism.

The children come forward and stand before Celebrant.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty show?

Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant : Do 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.

Celebrant: Do 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.

Celebrant: Do 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.

Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

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THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Then Celebrant, facing the people, with hands joined, says:

Celebrant: Dearly 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 while

Then Celebrant lays hands over all those to be confirmed and says:

Celebrant: Almighty 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.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pause to allow time for the children to return to their seats.

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THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The sacred Chrism is brought to Celebrant.

The children now come up individually with their Sponsor and stand before Celebrant. The sponsor places his/her right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate and hands the confirmation card to the server assisting the celebrant.

Celebrant: (Candidate's confirmation name)
be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Celebrant : Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

Instrumental or Pre-recorded Music can commence now while the other candidates are being confirmed.

The following is a suggested Universal Prayer. It may be amended to include prayers for the local parish community.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Celebrant In confidence and trust, let us place our prayers before our loving and faithful God.

1. We pray for a sense of hope and trust in the promises of God so that we will be faithful in witnessing to the Gospel and seeking to live fully in the light and love of Jesus Christ...We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for confidence in Christ who is in God's presence forever. May we grow in awareness that it is He, who pleads for us before God so that the Reign of God is a reality for all people...We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for strength that we may be faithful disciples and examples of the teaching of Jesus Christ so that all we know will learn something of God's Good News for the world...We pray for the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for a sense of joy in this celebration, that as Jesus ascended into heaven, we are assured that He, who has gone before is preparing a place for us...We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for all those being confirmed and about to receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time, that they will be filled with the very goodness of our God...We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

6. We pray for all in leadership in the Church throughout the world, for Francis our Pope, for Charles our Celebrant, for our priests who lead us in faith and who share with us in the joy of the ascended Christ...We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

7. We pray....[as per sick on the prayer sheet]

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, you have gifted us with the Spirit of Jesus. Listen to all our prayers and needs that we place before you, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The gifts of bread and wine and collections will be taken up as usual

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Hymn: Add chosen hymn here

**Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.**

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Dialogue for the Preface

PREFACE

SANCTUS:

Celebrant: The mystery of faith

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again
Amen**

COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father....

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever

All: Amen

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LAMB OF GOD:

COMMUNION

***IF CELEBRATING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The young people who are to receive their first Holy Communion come forward in the usual procession with their parents following.
The rest of the congregation moves to receive communion once they are seated.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Add details of chosen hymn/s

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty, ever living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,
grant, we pray, that Christian hope
may draw us onward to where
our nature is united with You.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

NOTICES AND THANKS

Amend as necessary for your celebration.

Commentator: The commentator offers thanks to the celebrant and others and announces arrangements for the reception and photograph opportunities

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

SELECT EITHER THE SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE (DELETE WHICHEVER IS NOT USED)

SOLEMN BLESSING

Celebrant/Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: And may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All: Amen

OR

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant/Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: Confirm, O God,
what you have brought about in us,
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:
may they never be ashamed
to confess Christ crucified before the world
and by devoted charity
may they ever fulfil his commands.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Celebrant: And may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All: Amen

Recessional Hymn: [Enter chosen hymn here](#)