

ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION WITHOUT MASS

School / Parish Name, Church, Town/Suburb

Day, Date & Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Acknowledgement to Country:

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

Candidates are seated with their sponsors, family and friends

Commentator:

Welcome to our young people whose baptism the Church will confirm in the Sacrament of Confirmation in our community this evening. Welcome to their families, their sponsors and their friends; welcome to the members of our parish and school community who have assembled to pray.

We also extend a special welcome to **Celebrant's Name** who will lead us in our celebration this evening.

To maintain the reverence of our celebration please make sure all mobile phones are turned off. Could you also please refrain from taking photos until the end of the ceremony. There will be an opportunity for photos after the celebration.

Let us pause and reflect on God's presence here in Word and Sacrament and among us as the People of God in this place.

Pause for silence

ENTRANCE SONG - Gifts Of The Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom,
Open our minds to receive your truth.
Come, Holy Spirit of understanding,
May we see clearly the signs you have giv'n

Refrain: **God here among us, Show us your mercy,
Stay with your people, Come to our help**

Come, Holy Spirit, the Spirit of judgement,
May we discern what will lead us to life.
Come, Holy Spirit, the Spirit of courage:
May we speak out where injustice is done.

Refrain: **God here among us, Show us your mercy,
Stay with your people, Come to our help**

Come, Holy Spirit, the Spirit of knowledge
May we live out your commandment to love Come,
Holy Spirit, the Spirit of rev'ence
May we respect what your breath has called forth.

Refrain: **God here among us, Show us your mercy,
Stay with your people, Come to our help**

Come, Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wonder,
May pride not blind us to what you have done Come,
Holy Spirit or awe and of wonder:
May we acknowledge the gifts you have shown.

Refrain: **God here among us, Show us your mercy,
Stay with your people, Come to our help**

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
All: Amen

LITURGICAL GREETING

Celebrant: Peace be with you
All: And with your spirit

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray (*pause for prayer*)
Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
that the Holy Spirit, coming near
and dwelling graciously within us,
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-4,13-19*

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, he chose us in Christ. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised. That will explain why I, having once heard about our faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22(23)

Response: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

Text: Psalm 22(23), Scottish Psalter, 1650; Tune: CRIMOND, CM. Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836-1887.

Commentator: Please stand to welcome the gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*All stand*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives You worship,
For Your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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GOSPEL: Mark (1:9-11)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, Oh Lord

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Presenter/s of Children:

Celebrant's Name, these young people have asked to be confirmed. During the past months they have journeyed together, reflecting on their faith and growing in the knowledge and love of God that they have experienced in their family and 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.

Names of candidates are read.

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

HOMILY: Celebrant

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

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Father Philip stands and faces the people and 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.

There is no need for any commentary here, or directions to the children. Celebrant will say what is required.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

(Each candidate stands with their sponsor. Sponsors place their right hand on the child's right shoulder)

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.

*Music can commence now while the other candidates are being confirmed.
Reflective music will be played after the first candidate has been confirmed.*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (UNIVERSAL PRAYER)

Commentator: I invite those leading us in the Prayers of Intercession to come forward.

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

Student 1 For the Holy Catholic Church: may we continue to be formed into a community of love. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Student 2 For our candidates confirmed this day: may they continue to grow in faith and in wisdom. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Student 3 For the parents and sponsors of these young people: may they continue to set examples of love, unity and peace. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Student 4 For those who have prepared the newly confirmed for this sacrament: may they be blessed in their ministry. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Student 5 For our parish community: may the tender love and mercy of God inspire us to love one another. We pray to the Lord.

All: **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**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, let us gather together our petitions, praying with one voice as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray.

All: **Our Father, Who art in heaven, ...**

All: **Amen**

SIGN OF PEACE

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

At this point Celebrant will generally congratulate the children, their families and sponsors.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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 fulfill his commands.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Send Down The Fire Of Your Justice**

Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
 Send down the rains of your love;
 Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and we shall
 be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love; Give us
 hearts that sing,
 Give us deeds that ring,
 Make us ring with the song of your love **Refrain**

Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace; Give
 us hearts that feel,
 Give us hands that heal,
 Make us walk in the way of your peace

Call us to answer oppression, Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
 righteous souls,
 'Til your justice rolls,
 make us burn with the fire of your truth

Call us to witness your Kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ; May
 your holy light
 Keep us shining bright,
 Ever shine with the presence of Christ

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