

ORDER FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CONFIRMATION WITHOUT MASS
School / Parish Name, Church, Town/Suburb
Day, Date & Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Candidates are seated with their sponsors, family and friends

Welcome by **Insert Name and Position here**

Good afternoon. My name is **Insert Name here** and I am **Insert Position/Role here**. On behalf of the leadership, staff and candidates from our school and parish of **Insert Parish Name**, I warmly welcome you all to this afternoon's celebration.

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.

Welcome to our young people who will confirm their baptism 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.

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 to take photographs 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

Please stand and join in our gathering song **God has Chosen Me**

ENTRANCE SONG - God Has Chosen Me

Verse 1

God has chosen me, God has chosen me
to bring good news to the poor.
God has chosen me, God has chosen me
to bring new sight to those searching for light:
God has chosen me, chosen me:

Refrain

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,
to remove oppression and breakdown fear,
yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,
God's time is near, God's time is near.

Verse 2

God has chosen me, God has chosen me
to set alight a new fire.
God has chosen me, God has chosen me
to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:
God has chosen me, chosen me:

Refrain

Verse 3

God is calling me, God is calling me
in all whose cry is unheard.
God is calling me, God is calling me
to raise up the voice with no power or choice:
God is calling me, calling me:

Refrain

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Celebrant: In the name of the Father

LITURGICAL GREETING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Brief words of welcome from Celebrant

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

1ST READING: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:3-8

Jesus had shown himself alive to the apostles after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

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: Lord Send Out your Spirit, Psalm 104

Response: *The response shall be sung and is: (adjust if not singing)*
'Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth'

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all
The earth is full of your riches.

All **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth**

All of these look to you
To give them their food in due season
You give it, they gather it up:
You open your hand, they have their fill.

All **Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth**

You send forth your spirit, they are created:
And you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!

All **Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth**

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Please Stand to Welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **'Celtic Alleluia' (Sung)**

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Verse: Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens,
Fills the earth.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Luke (8:22-25)

Celebrant or Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant or Deacon A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

Celebrant or Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Commentator:

Insert 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.

The celebrant 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

Then Celebrant (while priests associated with him remain by his side) standing, 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.

THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Celebrant: N., (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.

Reflective Music will be played during the anointing

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.

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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

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.

OFFER OF THANKS

Commentator: Congratulations and Thanks

Celebrant: **The Lord be with you.**

All: And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

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**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT OF FIRE

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Verse 1

*Holy Spirit of Fire, open up our hearts set us ablaze.
Holy Spirit of Fire, help us know the mystery of God's ways.*

Chorus

*Keep us blazing, keep us burning,
Open up our hearts to fan your flames of love,
Holy Spirit of Fire.*

Verse 2

*Holy Spirit of Fire, fill us with a passion for your life.
Holy Spirit of fire, help us show the world your shining light.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*Holy Spirit of Fire, fan the flames of courage in our hearts.
Holy Spirit of Fire, help us live the Good News where we are.*

Chorus

Verse 4

*Holy Spirit of Fire, breathe your fire of love into our lives.
Holy Spirit of Fire, keep the embers glowing through the night.*

Chorus

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