

The Order for the Lord's Supper

The Ministry of the Word

The service may begin with a hymn or other song. Then the minister greets the people.

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all.

People **And with your spirit.**

Or from Easter Day through Ascension Day,

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

During Lent and on other penitential occasions,

Minister Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The following prayer is said.

Minister Almighty God,
All **to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The service may continue with hymns, choruses, or other songs.

The Minister shall read aloud the Ten Commandments at least once in each month

Minister God spoke these words, saying:

I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth below, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work.

Honour your father and your mother,

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy on us,
and write your Law in our hearts,
by your Holy Spirit.**

Then the Minister shall say Our Lord's summary of the Law.

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
All **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

All **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Minister Let us pray.

The Minister then prays the Collect of the Day, after which the people respond, Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Old Testament (or as appointed) may be read. It is introduced, A reading from _____, chapter _____, beginning at verse _____; and at the end, the reader says:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Psalm may be said or sung, ending with the Gloria Patri.

The Epistle or Reading from the New Testament is read and is introduced, A reading from _____, chapter _____, beginning at verse _____; and at the end, the reader says:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel, which is introduced:

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. _____, chapter _____, beginning at verse _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The reader concludes the Gospel, saying:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Sermon, the Nicene Creed is said.

Minister Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Sermon

The Prayer for Christ's Church

The Minister or a layman leads the Prayer for Christ's Church after the model following, or extempore intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered for

*the Queen and all under her authority
the unity and witness of the Church
the ministry of the clergy
the sanctification of the people
those in any kind of need
the departed*

Minister Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church here on earth.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy word to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: we ask you in your mercy *to accept our alms and oblations and* to receive our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace, and guide their rulers in wisdom and justice for the tranquility and good of all. Bless especially your servant, *ELIZABETH*, our Queen, her representatives and ministers, her parliaments, and all who exercise authority in this land. Grant that they may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and uphold integrity and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister We beseech you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially to *CHARLES* our bishop, to *LEONARD* our presiding bishop, and to *ROBERT* our Archbishop, that by their life and teachings, they may set forth your true, life-giving word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that they may receive your word with reverent and obedient hearts, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister *(The specific petitions of the people may be offered at this time. Those wishing individual prayer or laying on of hands may make themselves known to the Minister.)*

We ask of your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister And we also bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Minister Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Minister shall read the following exhortation. The first paragraph may be omitted, provided that it is read on the First Sunday in Advent, the First Sunday in Lent, and Trinity Sunday.

Minister Brothers and sisters in Christ, we who come to receive the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ can come only because of his great love for us. For, although we are completely undeserving of his love, yet in order to raise us from the darkness of

death to everlasting life as God's sons and daughters, our Saviour Christ humbled himself to share our life and to die for us on the cross. In remembrance of his death, and as a pledge of his love, he has instituted this holy sacrament which we are now to share.

But those who would eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord must examine themselves, and amend their lives. They must come with a penitent heart and steadfast faith. Above all they must give thanks to God for his love towards us in Christ Jesus.

You, [then,] who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to strengthen and comfort you. But first, let us make a humble confession of our sins to Almighty God.

A pause for self-examination may be observed.

All

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men,
we acknowledge with shame the sins we have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against your divine
majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation
against us.**

**We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all
our misdoings.**

**Have mercy on us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that from this time forward
we may serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *St Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *St. John 3:16*

Saint Paul said: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 St. Timothy 1:15*

And St. John said: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
1 St. John 2:1, 2

All stand, and the minister addresses the people, saying

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Minister may begin the Offertory with an appropriate sentence of Scripture.

Representative of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Minister. The people stand while the offerings are presented. The Long Metre Doxology may be sung as the gifts are brought to the Minister.

Minister All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

People **Amen.**

Minister Our divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, invites to his Table all baptized Christians who know and love him.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister It is indeed right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, eternal God.

The proper preface follows if appropriate.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your
table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body,
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Minister

All glory to you, our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and who instituted and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly ask, and of your almighty goodness, bless and sanctify with your Word and Holy Spirit these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, that we who receive them according to your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood. On the night he was betrayed, our Lord took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and

gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the life-giving sufferings and saving cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, his death, burial, and resurrection, his ascension into heaven, and looking for his coming again at the last day to judge the living and the dead, we make with this bread and wine the memorial your Son has commanded us to make.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister We ask you of your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

All **And here we offer and present to you,
O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice,
humbly beseeching you that all we who are partakers
of this holy communion
may be filled with your grace and heavenly
benediction.**

**And although we are unworthy,
through our many sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this,
the duty and service we owe,
not weighing our merits,
but pardoning our offences,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Father Almighty, now and forever. Amen.**

Minister And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Minister receives the communion in both kinds himself, and then distributes similarly to the other communicants; first to any bishops, presbyters, and deacons, who are present, and then to the other communicants; into their hands.

When the Minister gives the bread he says

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life; take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

When the Minister gives the cup he says

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you preserve your body and soul to everlasting life; drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

A hymn or other songs may be sung during the Communion.

After all the people have been communicated, the Minister says

Let us pray.

All

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you that you graciously feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious body
and blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and assure us thereby of your favour and goodness
towards us,
and that we are true members of the mystical body
of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people,
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your eternal kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death and
passion of your dear Son.
And we humbly beseech you, heavenly Father,
so to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as you have prepared
for us to walk in;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all
honour and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Except during Advent and Lent, the following hymn of praise shall
be sung.*

Minister **Glory to God in the highest
All** **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Minister The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

A hymn or song may be sung before the dismissal. From Easter Day through Ascension Day, “Alleluia” is added to the dismissal and the people’s response.

Minister [Alleluia!] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia!]**

The Order for the Public Baptism of Infants

Minister God in his love has acted through Jesus Christ to free us from our slavery to sin. When Jesus had risen from the dead, he said to his disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Soon after, the apostle Peter began preaching, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Let us then pray that God will grant to *this* child that which by nature *he* cannot have, that *he* may be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ’s holy Church, and be made *a* living *member* of his body.

All stand

All

**Lord God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you for your great goodness
in calling us to know you and to put our trust in
you.
Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith.
Give your Holy Spirit to *this child*,
that *he* may be born again and made an heir of
everlasting salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, chapter ten, beginning at verse thirteen.

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

The congregation may be seated as the Minister continues

We read in the Gospel the love of Jesus towards the children of God’s people, and his readiness to bless them. The love of Jesus is still the same, and in the power of his resurrection he stands ready to give the blessing of eternal life to our children whom we bring to him in faith. Children must indeed make their own response of faith and obedience towards God when they are able to do so. The rejection of sin and the confession of faith in Jesus Christ which *this child* must one day make for *himself* are the conditions required for baptism, and it is proper that they be declared in *his* name. Those of you who already trust in Christ, and are willing to teach and encourage *him* in the same faith, are invited to make the baptismal promises on *his* behalf.

The Minister invites the parents and sponsors to stand, and addresses them saying

Are you yourself a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of his church, sincerely believing the promises of God?

Sponsors **I am.**

Minister Are you willing to sponsor this child, answering for him now, and accepting responsibility for his Christian upbringing?

Sponsors **I am willing.**

Minister I ask you now to answer in the name of this child:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works,
the empty display and false values of the world,
and the sinful desires of the flesh,
so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Sponsors **I renounce them all.**

Minister Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth?
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our
Lord?

And that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
that he suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
that he descended into hell,
and also rose again the third day?
That he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty,
and from there shall come to judge the living and the
dead?

And do you 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?

Sponsors **All this I firmly believe.**

Minister Will you keep God's holy will and commandments, and serve him faithfully throughout your life?

Sponsors **With his help I intend to do so.**

All standing, the Minister says

Let us pray.

Lord, our merciful God, of your infinite love you have made a covenant with us in your dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, in which you have promised to be our God, and the God and Father of our children. Fulfil your promise to us, good Lord. Enable us who are baptized in your name to live the holy life of the people whom you have bound to yourself by covenant. And now we pray for *this child*. For Jesus Christ's sake receive *him* into the number of your children. Sanctify this water for the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *he* who *is* now to be baptized in it may receive the new birth from above: may *he* die to sin and rise again to righteousness. May all things belonging to the Spirit live and grow in *him*, and mark *him* as yours for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister then takes the child and, having asked his name, he baptizes him in the water, or pours water on him, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock and sign *him* with the sign of the cross, to show that *he* will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant until *his* life's end. **Amen.**

For each child, or when all have been baptized and received, the minister says

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for birth from above and for the remission of sins. May almighty God, according to his gracious promise, finish the work of salvation begun in you, bringing you to the joyful resurrection and to the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: bless our homes, we pray. Help parents to impart the knowledge of you and of your love; and children to respond with love and obedience. May our homes be blessed with peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: preserve in the new-born children of your family the fulness of your grace. Grant that, having died and been buried with Christ, they may know the power of his risen life in their daily living. Keep us all fervent in the faith, and strong to endure to the end in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If it is not used elsewhere in the service, the Lord's Prayer should now be said.

If the baptism is administered apart from another service, it may conclude with the congregation saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Order for the Public Baptism of Adults

Minister

God in his love has acted through Jesus Christ to free us from our slavery to sin. When Jesus had risen from the dead, he said to his disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Soon after, the apostle Peter began preaching, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Let us then pray that God will grant to this person that which by nature he cannot have, that he may be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ’s holy Church, and be made a living member of his body.

All stand

All

**Almighty God,
who delivered your chosen people from slavery in
Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea
and established with them a covenant of your
unfailing love;
mercifully grant that *this person*
may be delivered from the slavery of sin through
the new covenant,
and obtain the promise of eternal life
which you have given us in your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ,**

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John, chapter three, beginning at the first verse.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

The congregation may be seated as the minister exhorts the candidates for baptism, using the follow form or its substance

Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel we heard the words of Jesus Christ that unless each of us is born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the kingdom of God. The Gospel shows us the importance and necessity of the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Similarly, before he ascended to heaven, Jesus gave this command that we read in St. Mark’s Gospel: “Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. Whoever

believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” On the day of Pentecost, St. Peter preached the Gospel to those assembled. The hearts of many were moved and they asked him and the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” In response, as we have heard, he exhorted them to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. Knowing that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we may have confidence that he will receive everyone who truly repents and turns to him in faith, believing the promise of the Gospel; that he will forgive their sins; that he will give them the gift of his Holy Spirit; and that he will give them the blessing of eternal life and make them partakers of his everlasting kingdom.

The minister then says to the candidates

I ask you now to stand and, in the presence of your sponsors and of this whole congregation, to make your response to the promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life held out to you by Jesus Christ.

Minister Do you renounce the devil and all his works,
the empty display and false values of the world,
and the sinful desires of the flesh,
so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Candidates **I renounce them all.**

Minister Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth?
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our
Lord?
And that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
that he suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;

that he descended into hell,
and also rose again the third day?
That he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty,
and from there shall come to judge the living and the
dead?

And do you 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?

Candidates **All this I firmly believe.**

Minister Will you keep God's holy will and commandments,
and serve him faithfully throughout your life?

Candidates **With his help I intend to do so.**

*The candidates kneel. The congregation stands, and the bishop or
minister says*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, grant that the old nature in *this person*
may be so buried that the new nature may be raised up
in *him*. **Amen.**

Grant that all sinful desires may die in *him*, and that
all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in
him. **Amen.**

Grant that *he* may have strength to triumph over the
devil, the world, and the flesh. **Amen.**

Grant that *he*, who *is* here dedicated to you by our
office and ministry, may also be equipped with spiritual
virtues, and receive the eternal crown of life, through

your mercy, blessed Lord God; for you live and govern all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty, everliving God, whose own dear Son Jesus Christ shed his blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and opened the gate of everlasting life to all believers, hear the prayer of this congregation; sanctify this water for the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *he* who is now to be baptized in it may receive the fulness of your grace, and for ever remain in the number of your faithful and elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Minister who baptizes takes each candidate by the right hand and brings him to the font, having asked the sponsors his name, baptizes him in the water, or pours water on him, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We receive you into the congregation of Christ's flock and sign you with the sign of the cross, to show that you will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end. Amen.

For each person, or when all have been baptized and received, the minister says

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for birth from above and for the remission of sins. May almighty God, according to his gracious promise, finish the work of salvation begun in you, bringing you to the joyful resurrection and to the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Minister O God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: preserve in the new-born children of your family the fulness of your grace. Grant that, having died and been buried with Christ, they may know the power of his risen life in their daily living. Keep us all fervent in the faith, and strong to endure to the end in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If it is not used elsewhere in the service, the Lord's Prayer should now be said.

If the baptism is administered apart from another service, it may conclude with the congregation saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Order for Confirmation

Minister or Bishop We have come together to pray for those who seek the blessing of God in Confirmation; they will first affirm their faith in God and their desire to serve him throughout their lives. In Confirmation, the bishop lays hands on those who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, praying over them that God's indwelling Spirit will strengthen and guide them.

Our Church requires that all who are to be confirmed should first know and understand the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and be able to answer the other questions in the Catechism.

This rule enables those who have been baptized as infants, when they are of age to do so, openly before the church, to take upon themselves and confirm the promises made on their behalf by their sponsors.

Those who at their baptism have already made a profession of faith for themselves also seek the continuing grace and strength of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

It is for us as the people of God to hear the response to God's call of those who have come to be confirmed, to support them now and always with our prayer, and to renew our own commitment to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The minister presents the candidates for Confirmation saying,

Reverend Father in God, I present to you these persons who now desire to confirm their baptismal covenant through the laying on of hands.

The bishop may address the congregation and candidates. He then says to those who were baptized as infants

At your baptism, your sponsors made three promises in your name: first, that you would renounce the devil and all his works, the empty display and false values of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh; secondly, that you would believe the Christian faith as set out in the Apostles' Creed; and thirdly, that you would keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life.

Do you now, in the presence of God and of this congregation renew these promises and take them upon yourself?

Candidates **I do.**

The bishop next addresses those who have already answered for themselves at baptism

Do you stand firmly to the confession and commitment you made at your baptism?

Candidates **I do.**

When all have answered the bishop continues

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

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

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
All **now and for evermore.**

Bishop Lord, hear our prayers,
All **and let our cry come to you.**

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again to break the power of sin and death: we give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Holy Spirit by whom these your servants have been born again and made your children. Grant that in

the power of the same Holy Spirit they may continue to grow in the knowledge and likeness of Christ. Increase in them your gracious gifts, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and inward strength, the spirit of knowledge and godly living, and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of true reverence for you, now and always. **Amen.**

Those to be confirmed kneel before the bishop, who lays his hand upon the head of each and says the following prayer

Defend, O Lord, this your child/servant, *N*, with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom.

And each one of them answers with the congregation

Amen.

When he has laid his hands on all to be confirmed, the bishop says

The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

If the Lord's Prayer is not used elsewhere in the service, it is now said.

The bishop continues with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Holy Spirit you are at work in us, inspiring us both to will and to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight; we pray for your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands, following the example of your holy apostles, to assure them, by this sign, of your favour and gracious goodness. Let your fatherly hand always be over them; let your Holy Spirit always be with them; lead them in

the knowledge and obedience of your word, so that in the end they may obtain eternal life; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

This prayer may be added, in which all may join

**Almighty and everlasting God,
we pray that you will direct, sanctify, and govern
our hearts and bodies in the ways of your
commandments,
that through your mighty protection, here and
ever,
we may be kept safe in body and soul,
and joyfully serve you in the work of the Gospel
to which you have called us;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The bishop then blesses those who have been confirmed, saying

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**