

Order of Mass
with the Sacrament of Confirmation

INTRODUCTORY RITES

All are standing until the conclusion of the Collect.

Entrance Hymn

The entrance chant is sung while the bishop approaches the altar. It continues during his veneration of the altar and making his way to the chair.

The bishop: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
The people: Amen.
The bishop: Peace be with you.
The people: And with your spirit.

[Or a presbyter: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all. *℟*. And with your spirit.]

Somebody from the parish may say a few words of welcome. Symbols may be arranged near the sanctuary, on a table, provided they do not come between the congregation's view of the altar, ambo or presidential chair.

Penitential Act

The bishop: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries:

Option 1:

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray

Option 2:

Minister: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
The people: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
The people: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

for me to the Lord our God.

Christ have mercy.

The people: Christ, have mercy.

Option 3:

The bishop: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

The people: For we have sinned against you.

The bishop: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

The people: And grant us your salvation

The bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. *℟*. Amen.

Kyrie, eleison

The Kyrie, eleison follows options one and three only:

℣. Lord, have mercy.

℟. Lord, have mercy.

℣. Christ, have mercy.

℟. Christ, have mercy.

℣. Lord, have mercy.

℟. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

The Gloria is sung even during Lent, although not on the Sundays of Lent.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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

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.

The Collect

The bishop: Let us pray. [...] God, for ever and ever. *℟*. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

The reader begins *A reading from...*

The reader concludes *The word of the Lord.*

The people: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The psalm is sung by the psalmist at the ambo.

Second reading

The reader begins *A reading from...*

The reader concludes *The word of the Lord.*

The people: Thanks be to God.

All stand when the acclamation begins.

The Acclamation before the Gospel

The choir or cantor sing the acclamation's refrain (Alleluia or alternative for Lent), the entire congregation repeats the refrain, the choir or cantor sing the verse suitable for Confirmation, and all repeat the refrain a final time.

The Gospel

The deacon: The Lord be with you.

The people: And with your spirit.

The deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

The people: Glory to you, O Lord.

The deacon continues with the text of the Gospel itself

The deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

The people: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The confirmandi may be presented by name or all together.

The Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The confirmandi stand and are questioned by the bishop:

The bishop: Do you reject Satan?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: And all his works?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: And all his empty promises?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in confirmation?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?
Confirmandi: I do.
The bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The people: Amen.

Imposition of hands

The bishop stands before the people, with the priest(s) who will also administer the sacrament with him. The whole congregation stands.

The bishop: My dear friends, in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with

his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

The confirmandi kneel.

The bishop (and priests) extends his/their hands over the confirmandi in silence. Then, the bishop alone, extending his hands, says:

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *℟.* Amen..

Anointing with Chrism

The confirmandi move forward to be confirmed.

The bishop: N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The confirmandus/-a: Amen.

The bishop: Peace be with you.

The newly confirmed: And with your spirit.

The Prayer of the Faithful

The bishop begins the Prayer of the Faithful

Reader: Lord, hear us.

The people: Lord, graciously hear us.

The bishop concludes the Prayer of the Faithful with a prayer.

℟. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the altar and Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

The offertory chant begins and the servers prepare the altar. The bread and wine are presented to the bishop.

Orate fratres

All stand when the bishop says:

The bishop: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people: 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 bishop: [...] Through Christ our Lord.

The people: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The bishop: The Lord be with you.

The people: And with your spirit.

The bishop: Lift up your hearts.

The people: We lift them up to the Lord.

The bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people: It is right and just.

The bishop:

It is truly right and just, [...] crying out as we acclaim:

Everyone sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Is Naofa, Naofa, Naofa thú, a Thiarna
Dia na Slua.

Tá neamh agus talamh lán de do
ghlóir.

Hósanna sna harda.

Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in
ainm an Tiarna.

Hósanna sna harda.

The people kneel:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,

by sending down your Spirit upon them
like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith:

The people sing:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Or:

My Lord and my God.

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.
Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Concelebrant One:

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with N. our Pope,

- *diocesan bishop*: and me, your unworthy servant,
- *other bishop*: my brother N., the Bishop of this Church, and me, your unworthy servant,
- *presbyter*: with N. our bishop,
and all the clergy.

Remember also, Lord, your servants whom you have been pleased to confirm
today by bestowing the Holy Spirit, and keep them in your grace.

Concelebrant Two:

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with Blessed Joseph her spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The bishop with concelebrants:
Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.
The people sing: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The people stand.

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

All:

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.

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm, go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh,
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna
féin, agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ó olc.

The bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The people: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

The bishop: 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. *℟. Amen.*

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

The people: And with your spirit.

The deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

And all offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion and charity.

The people sing the Agnus Dei while the priest breaks the host:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain, déan trócaire orainn.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain, déan trócaire orainn.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.	A Uain Dé, a thógann peacaí an domhain, tabhair dúinn síocháin.

The people kneel.

The bishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.

The people with the bishop: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*The Communion chant is begun while the bishop is receiving the Body of
Christ.*

Communion Hymns

The Prayer after Communion

The bishop: Let us pray.

The people stand

[...] Through Christ our Lord. *℟*. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Somebody from the parish may say a few final words.

Once complete, the people stand again.

The bishop: The Lord be with you.
The people: And with your spirit.
The deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Option 1: Solemn blessing

The bishop: 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.

℟. Amen.

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.

℟. Amen.

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.

℟. Amen.

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

℟. Amen.

Option 2: Prayer over the people

The bishop: 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.

℟. Amen.

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.

℟. Amen.

The deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
The people: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn