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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### **The Preparation**

*The entrance of the ministers*

*We stand to sing four verses of Lift High the Cross ( vv 1-3, 11)*

*The bishop says* THE GREETING:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

**There is one hope to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

*The bishop introduces the service.*

*All say* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

**Glory to God in the highest 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.**

*All remain standing. The bishop introduces a period of silent corporate prayer.*

*The bishop says* THE COLLECT.

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you

continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6

*At the end the reader says:* This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All remain seated to say* THE PSALM: 30

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

*At the end the reader says:* This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We sing the Gospel hymn: Turn your eyes upon Jesus (twice)*

*All stand for* THE GOSPEL READING.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 21:1-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

## **The Liturgy of Initiation**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*All stand. Each of the candidates is presented to the bishop.*

*The bishop asks the candidates*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? *I have.*

Are you ready from your own heart, and with your own mouth, to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? *I am.*

*Each of the candidates may give testimony to their decision.*

*The bishop addresses the whole Congregation:*

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ? **With the help of God, we will.**

#### THE DECISION

*A large candle may be lit. The bishop addresses all the candidates:*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? *I reject them.*

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? *I renounce them.*

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? *I repent of them.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? *I turn to Christ.*

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? *I submit to Christ.*

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life? *I come to Christ.*

*The bishop says:*

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

*The bishop, other ministers and all the candidates move to the font.*

***The Commission Hymn: In Christ Alone***

#### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The bishop, addressing the Congregation, says:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I 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. Amen.**

*The candidates are invited to approach the font and sign themselves with water. The bishop sprinkles the Congregation with water from the font as a reminder of our own baptism.*

*The bishop says:*

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The bishop, ministers and candidates move to the place of confirmation.*

#### THE CONFIRMATION

*The bishop says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The bishop, extending his hands towards the candidates, says:*

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

*The bishop says to the candidate:*

N., God has called you by name and made you his own.

*and, with the laying-on of hands and anointing with the oils of holy chrism, says:*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The bishop invites the congregation to pray for the candidates.*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

#### THE COMMISSION

*The bishop, addressing the newly confirmed, says:*

Christ's faithful are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*With the help of God, I will.*

May Christ dwell in your heart through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**We sing:** *O Lord, hear my prayer*

*The prayers may be led in part by the newly confirmed. This response may be used:*

Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

*The bishop says the concluding prayer:*

Grant, almighty Father, that we who celebrate the sacraments of your new covenant, may be built by your Spirit into a living temple made without hands, even the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The bishop, addressing the whole congregation, says:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

*A minister may say:* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please exchange the peace without using physical contact*

**Offertory Hymn:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**The Offering:** *The funds gathered will be given to the Ordination Candidates' Fund of the Diocese in Europe.*

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*The bread and wine are placed on the altar, and one or more prayers may be said. The bishop takes the bread and cup into his hands and replaces them on the altar.*

*All remain standing throughout THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER. The bishop says:*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>All</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Bishop</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>All</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Bishop</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>All</i>	<b>It is right to give thanks and praise.</b>

*The bishop says the Preface:*

... for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**

*The bishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

*The bishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer. All respond Amen.*

*The bishop introduces THE LORD'S PRAYER and all say:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 BREAKING OF BREAD

*The bishop, breaking the consecrated bread, says:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.**

*Or*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

*Before the distribution of Communion the bishop says:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Or*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*The bishop gives Communion first to those newly confirmed.*

*Then the members of the Congregation are invited to approach the Bishop to receive Communion as directed by the stewards.*

*The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come for a (hands-free) blessing. The Communion will be served as bread only.*

*During Communion we will sing: Holy Spirit come to us*

*After Communion the bishop says: Let us pray.*

*All stand. The bishop says* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## THE SENDING OUT

*The bishop says:*

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The bishop gives those newly confirmed a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*When all have received a candle the bishop says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Final Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd*

*The ministers and people depart.*

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