Parish Name

Holy Eucharist

with Confirmation

*President and Preacher*

The Rt Revd Philip North

Bishop of Burnley

Date

Time

 

We welcome especially the candidates for this Service of Confirmation, along with their families and friends. We rejoice with them at this significant moment on their journey of Christian faith and discipleship.

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which the participation in the life of God’s people inaugurated at baptism is confirmed by the bishop by the laying on of hands, and in which those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship. Through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, the Church also asks God to give them power through the Holy Spirit to enable them to live in this way.

Before the service begins, please take time to pray for the candidates and their life in Christ.

List of Candidate Names

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

The congregation are invited to join in texts printed in bold.

**Preparation**

Stand as the Choir, Ministers and Bishop enter.

Insert hymn, text in Gill Sans 10.5 point, bold

Attributes in 8 point, italicised not bold

Remain standing.

**The Greeting**

The Bishop greets the people who remain standing:

In the name of the Father

and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we are 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.

**Gloria in excelsis**

The Gloria in excelsis may be said/sung, apart from in Lent and Advent, when it is omitted. It may also be decided to omit the text, apart from at a main Sunday Eucharist or on a feast day.

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.

**The Collect**

The Collect of the Day is normally used on Sundays, Principal Feasts, other Principal Holy Days and Festivals. On other occasions this Collect is used. Delete this rubric and insert correct prayer below.

The Bishop says/sings:

Let us pray.

All remain standing for a period of silent prayer.

Heavenly Father,

by the power of your Holy Spirit

you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,

that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,

and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Readings – 1 or 2, then the Gospel.

OLD TESTAMENT READING INSERT SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Print scripture text?

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm or hymn, if customary (insert text)

NEW TESTAMENT READING INSERT SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Print scripture text?

At the end the Deacon/reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual hymn or gospel acclamation

INSERT TEXT

Gospel Reading INSERT SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N. INSERT NAME

Glory to you, O Lord.

INSERT SCRIPTURE TEXT?

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

The Bishop

Remain seated

The Liturgy of Initiation

**Presentation of the Candidates**

The congregation remains seated and the candidates stand.

The Bishops says to the candidate(s) for Baptism

Do you wish to be baptised  
I do

The Bishop asks the candidates who have already been baptised:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

He asks all candidates:

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The congregation stands.

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**

The Bishop addresses 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 Signing with the Cross**

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for baptism, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates for baptism have been signed, the bishop says to them:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All   Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ

against sin, the world and the devil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All   Amen.

The Bishop, ministers and candidates for confirmation gather at the baptismal font. A hymn may be sung or suitable music played during the procession to the font. If a hymn, then please insert the texts.

The congregation faces the font.

**Prayer over the Water**

Remain standing as the Bishop stands before the water of baptism, and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving Father,

we thank you for your servant Moses,

who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea

to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus,

who has passed through the deep waters of death

and opened for all the way of salvation.

Now send your Spirit,

that those who are washed in this water

may die with Christ and rise with him,

to find true freedom as your children,

alive in Christ for ever.

Amen.

**Profession of Faith**

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Baptism**

The Bishop addresses the candidate(s) for Baptism by name

N, is this your faith?

The candidate(s) respond

This is my faith

The Bishop baptises each candidates saying:

N. I baptise you

in the name of the Father

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit

**Giving of a Lighted Candle**

The bishop gives the newly baptised a lighted 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.

The Bishop sprinkles the candidates for confirmation who have previously been baptised and then he sprinkles the congregation with the baptismal waters as a reminder of their own baptism.

Then 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 gather at the place of confirmation. During the procession a hymn may be sung or suitable music played. If a hymn, then please insert the texts.

**Confirmation**

The people remain standing.

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and 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 forever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and 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 congregation sits.

Members of the congregation are asked to continue praying silently for the candidates as they are confirmed.

As each candidate kneels before the Bishop, supporters of that candidate are invited to stand where they are.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name:

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

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:

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

The Bishop the anoints each candidate with the oil of Chrism.

The Bishop invites the congregation to stand and pray for all those upon whom hands have been laid:

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

Then they are then welcomed with applause.

**The Peace**

The Bishop says:

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us

and as a pledge of what is to come

has given the spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Bishop/Deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**The Preparation of the Table**

Hymn

during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken.

Insert hymn text in Gill Sans 10.5 point, bold

Attributes in 8 point, italicised not bold

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Bishop says:

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,

through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks

because by water and the Holy Spirit

you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,

you raise us to new life in him

and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

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.

Prayer B is printed here but please feel free to change this to any of the Common Worship Eucharistic Prayers

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave 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.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

The Bishop/Deacon says/sings:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of [… … and] all the saints,

may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Remain standing as silence is kept.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Feel free to use the modern language version of the Lord’s Prayer if that is the custom of the Parish

The Bishop introduces the prayer and all respond:

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.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread**

The Bishop 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.

The Agnus Dei is said/sung.

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 peace.

**Giving of Communion**

The Bishop invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying:

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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.]

Members of the congregation are asked to sit and then to make their way to the place of communion as and when directed.

[Insert any local instructions about where to receive communion from.]

All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing; if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

During Communion, a hymn(s)/anthem is/are sung.

Insert hymn text in Gill Sans 10.5 point, bold

Attributes in 8 point, italicised not bold

Silence is kept after communion.

**Prayer after Communion**

The Bishop says:

Let us pray.

Stand

The authorised post communion prayer for the day is normally used on Sundays and principal festivals or on other occasions this prayer may be sued. Delete this rubric and ensure text of correct prayer is inserted below.

God of mercy,

by whose grace alone we are accepted

and equipped for your service:

stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit

and make us worthy of our calling;

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

in love and joy and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Sending Out

If you wish to use the Commission, insert it here

**The Blessing**

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

now and forever. Amen.

The God of all grace,

who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,

establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen

**The Sending Out**

The Bishop/Deacon says:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

during which the Choir, Ministers and Bishop leave.

Insert hymn text in Gill Sans 10.5 point, bold

Attributes in 8 point, italicised not bold

Following the service there will be an opportunity

for photographs and presentations

with the Bishop and newly baptised and confirmed.

The congregation are warmly invited

to stay for refreshments after the service.

[add any direction necessary]

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