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# Holy Baptism

*It is the duty of the Minister in each parish to urge parents not to postpone the Baptism of their infant children. Likewise it is his duty to urge converts to Jesus Christ to prepare for Baptism.*

*Baptism should normally be within Public Worship on the Lord's Day or a Holy Day, and follow either immediately after the Second Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer, or be included within The Order for Holy Communion at a suitable place.*

*For each male-child there should normally be two Godfathers and one Godmother, and for each female-child two Godmothers and one Godfather.*

*Before any Adult is baptized, he should be examined beforehand to make sure that he truly believes in our Lord Jesus Christ and is sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Faith. Further, he should be urged to prepare for receiving the Sacrament with prayer and fasting. At the time of Baptism, he should be presented by at least two witnesses/sponsors.*

*In the text below he and him may be changed to she and her and also made plural as they and them etc. Likewise this child and this your servant may be made plural when occasion requires.*

*This Service has five basic parts: (1) the Preparation; (2) the Promises of the candidates and their Sponsors; (3) the Blessing of the Water in the Font; (4) the actual Baptism; and (5) final prayer and thanksgiving.*

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*At the Font, filled with pure water, the Minister shall say the following, as all stand.*

Has **this Child (Person)** already been baptized?

*If they answer, No; then the Minister proceeds as follows:*

Dearly beloved in Christ, the Sacrament of Baptism is offered because our Lord Jesus Christ taught us that we cannot enter the kingdom of God unless we are born anew of water and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I ask you to call upon God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy he will give to **this Child (this Person)** a new nature that is not **his** by birth; that **he** may be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church to be made a living member thereof.

*Then shall the Minister say,*

Let us pray.

Almighty and immortal God, giver of aid to the needy, strength to the helpless, and everlasting life to those who believe, we pray for **this Child (this your**

*Servant*) who is coming to your holy Baptism, that **he** may receive forgiveness of his sins by spiritual rebirth. Receive **him**, as you have promised by your well-beloved Son in the Gospel, saying, Ask, and you shall have; seek and you shall find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Therefore, Lord, give us what we now ask; let us who seek, find; open the door to us as we knock; and make **him** to come, through the blessing of your heavenly washing, to the eternal kingdom, which you have promised by him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Then the Minister shall from the RSV or the ESV read the one of the following: Mark 10:13 - 16 ; or John 3:1- 8 ; or Matthew 28: 18 - 20, as the Gospel, introducing it as follows:*

Hear the words of the Gospel according to St. ..., in the ... chapter, beginning at the ... verse.

*The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say,*

And now, having learned the good will of our heavenly Father toward **this Child (this Person)**, declared by his Son Jesus Christ, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, as we say together,

**Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give you humble thanks because you have called us to the knowledge of your grace and to faith in you. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us this and every day. Give your Holy Spirit to this Child (this your Servant), that he may be born again, and made an heir of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*When infants are to be baptized the Minister shall address the Godparents as follows.*

Beloved in Christ, you have brought **this Child** here to be baptized, you have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would be pleased to receive **him**, to break the power of sin over **him**, to sanctify **him**, and to make **him** an heir of the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life.

Do you, in the name of **this Child** renounce the devil and all his works, the vain attractions and glory of this evil world, with all the its covetousness, and the sinful desires of fallen human nature, so that you will not follow, nor be led by, them?

*Answer:* I renounce them all, and by God's help, intend not to follow, nor be led by them.

Do you believe all the teachings of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you wish to be baptized in this Faith?

*Answer:* That is my desire.

Will you then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I will, by God's help.

Having now, in the name of *this Child*, made these promises, will you also on your part ensure that *this Child* learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe for his salvation?

*Answer:* I will, by God's help.

Will you also ensure that *this Child*, after sufficient instruction, is brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?

*Answer:* I will, by God's help.

*When Adults are to be baptized, the Minister shall address them as follows, with those to be baptized answering for themselves.*

Beloved in Christ, you have come here desiring to receive holy Baptism. We have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would graciously receive you, to release you from sin, to sanctify you with the Holy Spirit, to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, the vain attractions and glory of this evil world, with all the its covetousness, and the sinful desires of fallen human nature, so that you will not follow nor be led by, them?

*Answer:* I renounce them all, and by God's help, intend not to follow, or be led by, them.

Do you believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you accept him, and desire to follow him as your Savior and Lord?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you believe all the teachings of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you wish to be baptized in this Faith?

*Answer:* That is my desire.

Will you also obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I will, by God's help.

*Then shall the Minister make the following supplications:*

Merciful God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so **this Child (this your *Servant*)** may die to sin, and rise to newness of life. 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 power and strength by faith to have victory and to triumph against the devil, the world and sinful human nature. Amen.

Grant that whoever here is dedicated at this time to you by my office and ministry may also be given heavenly virtues, and your everlasting reward, through your mercy, Blessed Lord, who live and govern all things, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you

*Answer:* And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

*Answer:* We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Answer:* It is fitting and right to do so

It is very fitting, right, our obligation and duty, that we should always and everywhere give thanks and praise to you, the Lord, holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, because your most dearly beloved Son, for the forgiveness of our sins, shed from his most precious side at the Cross both water and blood; and later gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Hear, we humbly ask, the prayer of your people; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant, that **this Child (this your *Servant*)**, now to be baptized in it, may receive the fullness of your grace, and ever remain in the

number of your faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Minister takes the child into his arms, or by the hand, and says to the godparents,*

Name this Child.

*If the person to be baptized is an adult, he shall ask the witnesses **his** Name.*

*Then the minister shall proceed to the Baptism saying for each candidate,*

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

*Then the Minister shall say the following and make the sign of the Cross upon the forehead.*

We receive **this Child (this Person)** into membership of Christ's flock, and sign **him** with the sign of the Cross, symbolizing that from this time forward **he** shall not be ashamed to proclaim the faith of Christ crucified and courageously to fight under his banner against sin, the world and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant the end of his life. Amen.

*Then the Minister shall say,*

Beloved in Christ, now that **this Child (this Person)** has been born anew and has been received into the family of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these blessings; and with one mind pray to him, that **this Child (this Person)** may lead the rest of **his** life according to the promises made on **his** behalf (by **him**) today.

*All join together in the Lord's Prayer, in the traditional or modern version,*

(a) Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

(b) 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Then the Minister shall say,*

Most merciful Father, we offer you sincere thanks, that it has pleased you to grant **this Child** (**this** your **Servant**) new birth by your Holy Spirit, to receive **him** as your own Child, and to make him a member of your holy Church. We humbly ask you to grant that **he**, being dead to sin, may live unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may also share in his resurrection; so that finally, within your holy Church, **he** may be an inheritor of your everlasting kingdom through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Minister shall also say,*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, strengthen you with power by his Spirit in your inner being; that Christ dwelling in your heart by faith, you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen

*It is proper that every baptized Adult should be confirmed by the Bishop as soon after his Baptism as is possible, and that immediately afterwards **he** be admitted to Holy Communion.*

## A CATECHISM

OR AN INSTRUCTION TO BE LEARNED BY  
EVERY PERSON BEFORE BEING PRESENTED  
FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BISHOP.

*The young person, who is a candidate for Confirmation, should be tested in this instruction by the Minister or by a Catechist appointed by the Minister. It is advisable that the candidate learns the answers by heart and has a basic understanding of them, with a clear commitment to their moral and doctrinal content.*

*Question.* What is your Name?

*Answer.* My Name is N.N.

*Question.* Who gave you this Name?

*Answer.* My Sponsors at my Baptism, *in which I was made a member of Christ's body, the Church, was reborn as a child of God, and became an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.*

*Question.* What did your Sponsors do for you at your Baptism?

*Answer.* They promised and made vows concerning three things in my name. First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the splendor and vanity of this wicked world, and all sinful desires of my fallen nature. Secondly, that I should believe all the doctrines of the Christian Faith. And, thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and follow them all the days of my life.

*Question.* Do you now think that you are committed to believe and to do, as they have promised for you?

*Answer.* Yes, I truly do and. by God's help. I will. And, with all my heart, I thank our heavenly Father, that he has called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. And I pray to God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the path of salvation to the end of my life.

*Minister/Catechist.* Recite the Apostles' Creed, the Articles of Faith.

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

And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

*Question.* What important teaching do you learn from this statement of your Faith?

*Answer.* First of all, I learn to believe in God the Father, who has made me, and all the world. Secondly, to believe in God the Son, who has redeemed me, and the whole human race. And thirdly, to believe in God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies me, and all other Christian people.

*Question.* You stated earlier that your Sponsors promised on your behalf that you would keep God's Commandments. Tell me, how many are there?

*Answer.* Ten.

*Question.* Which are they?

*Answer.* They are the ten which are recorded in the twentieth chapter of the book of Exodus, where it is recorded: God spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

(1) You shall have no other gods but me.

(2) You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or a picture 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 worship them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing even the grandchildren and great grandchildren of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

(3) You shall not use the name of the LORD your God foolishly, for whoever does so will not be considered innocent by the LORD.

(4) Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall work and do all you have to do, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the visitor in your home. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

(5) Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

(6) You shall not murder.

(7) You shall not commit adultery.

(8) You shall not steal.

(9) You shall not *give* false testimony against your neighbor.

(10) You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

*Question.* What important teaching do you learn from these Commandments?

*Answer.* I learn two things: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbor.

*Question.* What is your duty towards God?

*Answer:* My duty towards God is to believe in him, to be reverent towards him, and to love him, with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul and with all my strength; to worship him, to give him thanks, to put my whole trust in him, to call upon him in prayer, to honor his holy Name and his Word, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbor?

*Answer.* My duty towards my neighbor is to love him or her as I love myself, and to do to others as I would have them do unto me. To love, honor and provide for my father and mother: to honor the civil authorities and obey the laws of the State: to submit myself in the Lord to all who have authority over me in home, church, state and education: to behave humbly and appropriately in all my dealings with others, especially with those older than I am: to hurt nobody by either word or deed: to be true and just in all my dealings with others; to have no malice or hatred in my heart; to keep my hands from taking and stealing, and my tongue from speaking evil, telling lies and slandering others; to keep my body under self-restraint, by being serious and chaste : not to covet or desire what belongs rightfully to others, and to do my duty in whatever state of life God calls me to.

*Minister/Catechist.* You need to know that you are not able to do these things in your own strength, and you cannot walk in the commandments of God and serve him, without his special, gracious help. Therefore, you must learn to ask for this help from God daily in prayer and especially through the regular saying of the Lord's Prayer. Let me hear you recite the Lord's Prayer.

*Answer.* The Lord's Prayer is:

(a) 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.

Or

(b) 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Question.* What do you desire from God in this Prayer?

*Answer.* I desire my Lord God, our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace to me, and to all people, that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. Also I pray to God, that he will send us all that we need both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful to us, and forgive us our

sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all spiritual and physical dangers; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, from our enemy the devil and from everlasting death. And all this I trust he will do because of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore I say, "Amen, So be it, Lord."

*Question.* What is the Church?

*Answer.* The Church is the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head, and all baptized people are the members.

*Question.* How is the Church described in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds?

*Answer.* The Church is described in the Creeds as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

*Question.* What do we mean by these words?

*Answer.* We mean that the Church is,

One, because it is one Body under one Head:

Holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells within it and sanctifies its members:

Catholic, because it is universal, holding sincerely the Faith for all time, in all countries, and for all people; and is sent to preach the Gospel to the whole world:

Apostolic, because it continues firmly in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship.

*Question.* What is your binding duty as a member of the Church?

*Answer.* My binding duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom.

*Question.* What special means does the Church provide to help you to do all these things?

*Answer.* The Church provides the Laying on of hands, or Confirmation. Here, after renewing the promises and vows of my Baptism, and declaring my loyalty and devotion to Christ as my Master, I receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to give me inner strength.

*Question.* After you have been confirmed, what great privilege does our Lord provide for you?

*Answer.* Our Lord provides the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, for the continual strengthening and refreshing of my soul.

*Question.* How many Sacraments has Christ authorized in his Church?

*Answer.* Two only, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and these are generally necessary for us to be saved.

*Question.* What do you mean when you speak of a Sacrament?

*Answer.* I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, authorized by Christ as a way for us both to receive the spiritual grace and to be assured of receiving it.

*Question.* How many parts are there to a Sacrament?

*Answer.* Two: the outward and visible sign, and the inward and spiritual grace.

*Question.* What is the outward and visible sign in Baptism?

*Answer.* Water, in which the person is baptized, “In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

*Question.* What is the inward and spiritual grace?

*Answer.* It is being born again of the Holy Spirit and made a child of God by adoption and grace; that is, it is a dying unto sin and a new birth into righteousness.

*Question.* What is required of persons to be baptized?

*Answer.* Two things: Repentance which is a turning away from sin; and Faith, which is firmly believing the promise of God concerning Jesus Christ, proclaimed in the Gospel and the Sacraments.

*Question.* Why are infants baptized when it is clear that they cannot consciously Repent or have Faith?

*Answer.* They are baptized on the basis of the promises made on their behalf by their Godparents and in anticipation of their confirming these same promises when they reach maturity.

*Question.* Why was the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ordained by Christ?

*Answer.* For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits we receive from this sacrifice.

*Question.* What is the outward and visible part of the Lord’s Supper?

*Answer.* Bread and wine, which the Lord commanded to be received.

*Question.* What is the inward and spiritual part, that which is signified by the outward?

*Answer.* The Body and Blood of Christ which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

*Question.* What are the benefits received by those who faithfully receive this sacrament?

*Answer.* The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, even as our bodies are strengthened and refreshed by the Bread and Wine.

*Question.* What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

*Answer.* They are to examine themselves to be sure that they repent of their sins, are firmly intending to lead a new life, have a living faith in God's mercy through Christ, thankfully remember his death, and seek to show godly love to everyone.

*Question.* What orders of Ministers are there in the Church?

*Answer.* Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; which orders have been in the Church from the earliest times.

*Question.* What is the office of a Bishop?

*Answer.* The office of a Bishop is, to be a chief Pastor in the Church; to confer Holy Orders; and to administer Confirmation.

*Question.* What is the office of a Priest?

*Answer.* The office of a Priest is, to minister to the people committed to his care; to preach the Word of God; to baptize; to celebrate the Holy Communion; and to pronounce Absolution and Blessing in God's Name.

*Question.* What is the office of a Deacon?

*Answer.* The office of a Deacon is, to assist the Priest in Divine Service, and in his other ministrations, under the direction of the Bishop.

*The Minister of every parish, whenever convenient, shall instruct the youth of the parish, either at church or in their homes, in this Catechism.*

*It is the duty of all parents and heads of households to see that their children and all in their care be instructed in this Catechism.*

*As soon as Children reach an age of mature decision-making, can say the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and can answer and understand the questions of this Catechism, they shall be brought to the Bishop for Confirmation.*

*When the Bishop shall announce his intention to administer Confirmation in a parish, the Minister of the parish shall notify the appropriate authorities, either in person or in writing, of the names of those whom he shall think properly prepared for Confirmation.*

**THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION**  
OR LAYING ON OF HANDS UPON THOSE THAT ARE BAPTIZED  
AND HAVE COME TO YEARS OF MATURE JUDGMENT

*On the appointed day, all that are to be confirmed shall stand before the Bishop, who shall be seated in his chair, and they shall remain standing until the Lord's Prayer. An appointed Minister shall say,*

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to receive the Laying on of Hands

*Then the Bishop, or some Minister appointed by him, may say,*

Hear the words of the Evangelist Saint Luke, in the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

*Acts 8:14-17 is then read by the same Minister from the RSV or ESV.*

*Everyone shall clearly answer,*

I do.

Do you promise to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

*Everyone shall again clearly answer,*

I do.

*Then the Bishop says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Answer:* Who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*Answer:* Always and for ever.

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer:* And let our cry come unto you.

*The Bishop continues in prayer:*

Almighty and ever-living God, by whose grace these your servants have been born again of water and the Spirit, and have received forgiveness of all their sins; confirm and strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and daily increase in them your plentiful gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of

guidance and inward strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, Lord, with the spirit of your holy fear, both now and for ever. Amen.

*Those to be confirmed kneel before the Bishop who lays his hands upon the head of each and prays:*

Defend, Lord, this your *Servant/Child* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue to be yours for ever; and daily increase in your Holy Spirit until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

*When there are those present who come from other Christian bodies to be received into membership, then each kneels before the Bishop who says:*

**N** we recognize you as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. May God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. Amen

*Then the Bishop says,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* And with your spirit.

Let us pray,

*Here shall follow the Lord's Prayer in the traditional or contemporary form.*

(a) Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

(b) 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Almighty and ever-living God, who make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto your Divine Majesty; we humbly pray for these your servants upon whom, after the example of your holy apostles, we have now laid our hands, to assure them, by this sign, of your favor and gracious goodness towards them. Let your fatherly hand, we ask, ever be over them; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, be pleased, we pray, to direct, purify and rule over our hearts and bodies so that we will keep your laws and obey your commandments; and grant that through your most mighty protection we may be preserved in body and soul, both here and for ever, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you, always. Amen.

*The Minister must remind those confirmed that they should receive Holy Communion as soon after their Confirmation as is reasonably possible. And afterwards they should seek to be present at the Lord's Table on each Lord's Day when there is a celebration of the Holy Communion.*

*No one should be admitted to Holy Communion until he/she is confirmed or else prepared for and wanting to be confirmed.*