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The Order of Confirmation

OR LAYING ON OF HANDS UPON THOSE
THAT ARE BAPTISED AND COME
TO YEARS OF DISCRETION

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[A Hymn having first been sung.]

Upon the day appointed, all that are to be then confirmed, being placed, and standing in order, before the Bishop; he (or some other Minister appointed by him) shall read this Preface following:—

TO the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such as shall receive it, the Church hath thought good to order That none hereafter shall be Confirmed, but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and can also answer to such other Questions, as in the short Catechism are contained; which order is very convenient to be observed; to the end that children, being now come to years of discretion, and having learned what their Godfathers and Godmothers promised for them in Baptism, they may themselves, with their own mouths and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same; and also promise, that by the grace of God they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe such things as they, by their own confession have assented unto.

Then will the Bishop speak to the Candidates.

Hymn.

Then shall the Bishop say:

DO ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that was made in your name at your Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same in your own persons, and acknowledging yourselves bound to believe, and to do, all those things which your Godfathers and Godmothers then undertook for you?

And every one shall audibly answer:

I do.

The Bishop: Let us pray.

Then shall follow this Litany:

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer: Henceforth, world without end.

Bishop: Lord, hear our prayers;

Answer: And let our cry come unto Thee.

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The Bishop will then commend the Candidates to the prayers of the Congregation, for which silence shall be kept for a space.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these Thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

Then all of them in order kneeling before the Bishop, the male Candidates coming first, he shall lay his hand upon the head of each one severally, saying:—

DEFEND, O Lord, this Thy Child [*or this Thy Servant*] with Thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue Thine for ever; and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come to Thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

All who are present are requested to remain kneeling and to pray for the Candidates during the laying on of hands.

Then the Bishop shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

And (all kneeling down) the Bishop shall add:

Let us pray.

OUR Father, which 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. Amen.

And this Collect:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto Thy divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications unto Thee for these Thy servants, upon whom (after the example of Thy Holy Apostles) we have now laid our hands, to certify them (by this sign) of Thy favour and gracious goodness towards them. Let Thy fatherly

hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY LORD, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy Commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through out Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn.

The Bishop will then give his Address.

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During which Offerings will be made and presented for the Home Mission Society of the Diocese.

Then the Bishop, shall bless them, saying thus:

THE BLESSING of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion, until such time as he be Confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be Confirmed.

HYMNS.

1

My God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine.
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.

Before the Cross of Him Who died,
Behold, I prostrate fall;
Let every sin be crucified,
And Christ be all in all.

Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
And seal me for Thine own;
That I may see Thy glorious Face,
And worship near Thy throne.

Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given;
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord
And death the gate of heaven.

2

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Blend all my soul with Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

3

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on;
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through His eternal Son.

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,
Is more than conqueror.

Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

That having all things done,
And all your conflicts pass'd,
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

4

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian Sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind,
O still small voice of calm! [and fire

5

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light,
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face,
With the abundance of Thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of both to be but One.

That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song.

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

6

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart; it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasures store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only all for Thee.

7

O Jesus, I have promised,
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou for ever near me,
My Master, and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle,
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway.
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me,
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to re-assure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised,
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant my own;
My hope to follow duly,
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

8

Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
His tender, last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed,
With us to dwell.

He came in semblance of a dove,
With sheltering wings outspread,
The holy balm of peace and love
On earth to shed.

He came, sweet influence to impart,
A gracious, willing Guest,
While He can find one humble heart
Wherein to rest.

And His, that gentle voice, we hear,
So soft as the breath of even,
That checks each fault, that calms each
And speaks of heaven. [fear,

And every virtue we possess,
And every victory won,
And every thought of holiness,
Are His alone.

Spirit of purity and grace,
Our weakness, pitying, see;
Oh, make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,
And meet for Thee.

9

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and love Thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from His pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
Which we must take to dwell with God

Lead us to heaven, its bliss to share—
Fullness of joy for ever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with Him, for ever bless'd.

10

Jesus, stand among us
In Thy risen power,
Let this time of worship
Be a hallow'd hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart,
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quicken'd footsteps
We pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of the eternal day.

11

Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above,
Thine for ever may we be,
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! oh, how bless'd,
They who find in Thee their rest;
Saviour, Guardian, Heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Saviour keep
These, Thy frail and trembling sheep,
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven

12

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy,
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once rest;
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Thou he with giants fight;
He will make good his right.
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend
Us with Thy spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

13

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life and it shall be,
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race, through God's good
grace,
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the Path, and Christ the Prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Lean, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe and thou shalt see
That Christ is All in all to thee.

14

Just as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, Who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day,
My life to give, my vows to pay,
With no reserve, and no delay,
With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve Thee with all my might,
Therefore to Thee I come.

Just as I am, young, strong, and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth, and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.

Above the lure of fame and gold,
Success and joy to make me bold,
Thou callest me Thy faith to hold,
For my whole life, I come.

For Thy dear sake to win renown,
And then to take the victor's crown,
And at Thy feet to cast it down,
O Master, Lord, I come. Amen.

15

Rise up, O men of God!
 Have done with lesser things,
 Give heart and soul and mind and strength
 To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
 His Kingdom tarries long;
 Bring in the day of brotherhood,
 And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
 The Church for you doth wait,
 Her strength unequal to her task,
 Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the Cross of Christ!
 Tread where His feet have trod,
 As brothers of the Son of Man,
 Rise up, O men of God!

Confirmation Arrangements.

The Archbishop issues the following instructions as to Confirmation:—

1. The age of the persons to be confirmed should (as a rule) be not less than fourteen years.
2. Lists of the candidates should be ready for submission before the Confirmation, and should be sent in duplicate, at least two days before the date fixed, to the Diocesan Registry and to the Archbishop or Bishop confirming, as the case may be.
3. According to old custom in the Diocese, the offerings of the congregation are devoted to "The Home Mission Society."
4. The Archbishop also desires that every candidate should be provided with the printed form of the Confirmation Service.