

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

13. Confirmation takes place as a rite within Mass in order that the fundamental connection of this sacrament with all of Christian initiation may stand out in clearer light. Christian initiation reaches its culmination in the communion of the body and blood of Christ. The newly confirmed therefore participate in the eucharist, which completes their Christian initiation.

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Great emphasis should be placed on the celebration of the word of God that introduces the rite of confirmation. It is from the hearing of the word of God that the many-sided work of the Holy Spirit flows out upon the Church and upon each one of the baptized and confirmed. Through this hearing of his word God's will is made known in the life of Christians.

Great importance is likewise to be attached to the saying of the Lord's Prayer. Those to be confirmed will recite it together with the congregation—either during Mass before communion or outside Mass before the blessing—because it is the Spirit who prays in us and in the Spirit the Christian says, "Abba, Father."

INTRODUCTORY RITES

58. Ezekiel 36:25–26

I will pour clean water on you and I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, says the Lord.

or:

59. See Romans 5:5; 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us.

29. During the anointing a suitable song may be sung. After the anointing the bishop and the priests wash their hands.

COMMUNION RITE

58. See Hebrews 6:4

All you who have been enlightened, who have experienced the gift of heaven and who have received your share of the Holy Spirit: rejoice in the Lord

or:

59. Psalm 34:6, 9

Look up at him with gladness and smile; taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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MISSÆ RITUALES

C. In conferenda Confirmatione

IN. Dum sanctificatus fuero in vobis, 249.

Tempore paschali:

— Caritas Dei diffusa est, 248.

GR. Beata gens, 333.

AL. Emitte Spiritum tuum, 249, vel 253.

— Veni, Sancte Spiritus, 253.

OP. Confirma hoc, Deus, 255.

Tempore Quadragesimæ :

— Meditabor in mandatis tuis, 356.

CO. Beati mundo corde, 514, cum ps. 33*.

— Domine, quinque talenta, 515, cum ps. 118*.

— Qui vult venire post me, 484, cum ps. 33*, 2. 3. 4. 6. 9. 12. 13. 14. 15

Extra tempus Quadragesimæ:

— Non vos relinquam orphanos, 232, cum ps. 121*.

— Spiritus qui a Patre procedit, 233, cum ps. 77*, 000.

766 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1.

Psalm 22:23–24ab, 26–27, 28 and 31–32

R. (23a) I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

or:

R. (John 15:26–27) When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witnesses.

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

“You who fear the Lord, praise him;

all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him.”

R. I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

or:

R. When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witnesses.

By your gift will I utter praise in the vast assembly;

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.

The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the Lord shall praise him:
“May your hearts be ever merry!”

R. I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

or:

R. When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witnesses.

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord;
All the families of the nations
shall bow down before him;
my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the Lord
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.

R. I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

or:

R. When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will be my witnesses.

2.

Psalm 23:1b–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

3.

Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 9–10a, 11–12

R. (3) Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all you lands;
Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the Lord in his holy attire.
Tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The Lord is king.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

4.

Psalm 104:1ab and 24, 27–28, 30–31, 33–34

R. (see 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have wrought them all—
the earth is full of your creatures.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

They all look to you
to give them food in due time.
When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord be glad in his works!

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God while I live.
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the Lord.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

5.

Psalm 117:1bc, 2

R. (Acts 1:8) You will be my witnesses to all the world.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, all you nations,
glorify him, all you peoples!

R. You will be my witnesses to all the world.

or:

R. Alleluia.

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever.

R. You will be my witnesses to all the world.

or:

R. Alleluia.

6.

Psalm 145:2–3, 4–5, 8–9, 10–11, 15–16, 21

R. (see 1) I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

Generation after generation praises your works
and proclaims your might.
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty
and tell of your wondrous works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you
and you give them their food in due season;
You open your hand

and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord,
and may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

767 ALLELUIA VERSE
AND VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

1.

John 14:16

I will ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always.

2.

John 15:26b, 27a

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;
and you also will testify.

3.

John 16:13a; 14:26d

When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you to all truth
and remind you of all I told you.

4.

Revelation 1:5a, 6a

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead;
you have made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Father.

5.

Come, Holy Spirit;
shine on us the radiance of your light.

6.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.