



# **Choral Eucharist with Confirmation**

*Christ the King*

*Digital Version*

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# Order of Service

*Shortly before the service, The Very Reverend Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham, welcomes the congregation*

## The Gathering

**Hymn** – Crown him with many crowns

*Text: Matthew Bridges (1800–94);  
Tune: Diademata*

*Bishop* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of introduction may be said*

## The Confession

*We are called to repentance*

*Deacon* Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins  
in penitence and faith. *cf Matthew 4.17*

*We keep silence*

*Deacon* The kingdom is yours,  
but we turn away from your just rule:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours,  
but we trust in our own power and truth:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours,  
but we fall short of the glory of God:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

*We receive words of forgiveness*

*Bishop* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and peace on earth  
to those of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you  
for your great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord the only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
You that take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You who are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy,  
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

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

*Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14*

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 18.33–37*

*We sing some responses*

*Choir*      Alleluia.

*All*      **Alleluia.**

*Choir*      Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

*Luke 19.38*

*All*      **Alleluia.**

*Deacon*      The Lord be with you

*All*      **and also with you.**

*Deacon*      Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Deacon*      Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me

from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The preacher is The Right Reverend David Urquhart*

*After the sermon, there will be a period of silence*

## The Liturgy of Initiation

### **Presentation of the Candidates**

*The candidates **stand***

*The Bishop asks the candidates for baptism*

Do you wish to be baptised?

*Answer I do.*

*The Bishop asks the candidates who have been baptised*

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

*Answer I have.*

*The Bishop asks all the candidates*

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

*Answer I am.*

*The Bishop addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome these candidates  
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

*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 turn to Christ?

*Answer I turn to Christ.*

Do you repent of your sins?

*Answer I repent of my sins.*

Do you renounce evil?

*Answer I renounce evil.*

## Signing with the Cross

*The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates for baptism, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

*When the candidates for baptism have been signed, the Bishop says to them*

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

*Bishop* 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 moves to the font*

*The water was blessed before the service*

## The Creed

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

*All* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*All* 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.**

*All* 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 for baptism come forward and the Bishop baptises them, saying*

Man shomaro ghosle tamid mikonam dar name  
Pedar, Pesar, va Rouholgodos.

N, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

*The Bishop sprinkles the other candidates for confirmation with water as a reminder of their baptism, then says*

*Bishop* 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.

All **Amen.**

### **Confirmation**

*The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says*

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord  
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

All Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. 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.

All **Amen.**

*The clergy and supporting ministers present the candidates to the Bishop  
The Bishop addresses each candidate by name and anoints them with the oil of  
chrism*

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

*He lays his hand on the head of each candidate, saying*

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

All **Amen.**

*After all the candidates have been confirmed, the Bishop invites us to pray*

All **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 Welcome**

*The candidates turn to face the congregation*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you in the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*We greet the candidates with applause and the Birmingham Bell is rung  
Then the candidates turn to face the Bishop*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *cf 2 Colossians 3.14,15*

Solh va salamati Khodavand hamishe ba shoma bashad

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

## Offertory Hymn – How shall I sing that majesty

*Text: John Mason (1646–94);  
Tune: Coe Fen*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Bishop says the prayer of consecration*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the  
cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith.  
*All* **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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St Philip 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.

*All*        **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
*All*      **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 the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
*All*      **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung using these words*

*Choir*      Jesus, Lamb of God,  
*All*          **have mercy on us.**  
*Choir*      Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
*All*          **have mercy on us.**  
*Choir*      Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
*All*          **grant us peace.**

## The Invitation

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Communion is distributed. Those who are participating remotely may wish to say this prayer*

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

*During Communion the choir sings – The King of Love my Shepherd is*

*Text: Henry Williams Baker (1821–77);  
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

*Silence is kept*

## Post Communion Prayer

We **sit** or **kneel** to pray

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth  
the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

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**Hymn** – Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748);  
Tune: Truro

During the hymn the newly-confirmed are given a lighted candle, lit from the Easter Candle

## The Dismissal

### Giving of a Lighted Candle

*Bishop* 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.

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

### The Blessing

*Bishop* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts  
and bring you to reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in the peace of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Voluntary** Fugue in E Flat BWV 552ii  
*JS Bach (1685–1750)*

*The Bishop leads the candidates to the main door*



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