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## The Sacrament of Confirmation

9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 11am

Celebrants: RT Rev Ralph Heskett CSsR  
The Bishop of Hallam

Father Desmond Edozie



## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit)



**Wisdom** is first gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the ability to exercise good judgment. It is grounded in common sense and comes from life experience, thoughtful reflection, and learning life's lessons in "The School of Hard Knocks." Wisdom distinguishes between right and wrong, seeks and upholds truth and justice, and balances personal good with the common good. In the Old Testament wisdom is personified in Sophia, the mythical mother of faith, hope, and love; while in the New Testament wisdom is personified in Jesus himself.

**Understanding** is the gift of intelligence and enlightenment. It is the ability to perceive, comprehend, and interpret information; to have insight and discern meaning.

**Counsel** is good advice. It is the ability to teach and inform, guide and direct, warn and admonish, recommend and encourage. The Holy Spirit offers this special gift to parents, teachers, coaches, mentors, advisors, supervisors, elders, and the like. Counsel is not only the ability to give good advice, but to receive it as well.

**Fortitude** is an unwavering commitment to God or a proper course of action, and it shows itself in moral strength, courage, determination, patient endurance, long suffering, a resolute spirit, stamina, and resiliency.

**Knowledge** is the ability to study and learn; to acquire, retain, and master a wide spectrum of information; and to put it to good use for constructive purposes.

**Fear of the Lord** is awe, reverence, and respect for God. It downplays human self-sufficiency and acknowledges that everything comes from God. Consequently, those who "Fear the Lord" gladly offer their praise, worship, and adoration to God alone.

**Piety** is the only gift not part of Isaiah's original list. Piety is personal holiness, the ability to live a decent life, free of sin, devoted to God, and obedient to God's will.



Thank you all for coming

### Recessional Hymn

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light  
Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light,  
walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were awakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light  
He died in pain in Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light.  
To save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.  
His light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Damian Lundy*

### Entrance Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
from thy bright heavenly throne,  
come, take possession of our souls,  
and make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
best gift of God above,  
the living spring, the living fire,  
sweet unction and true love.

Thou who are sev'nfold in thy grace,  
finger of God's right hand;  
his promise, teaching little ones  
to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,  
with love our hearts inflame;  
and with thy strength, which ne'er decays,  
confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
true peace unto us bring;  
and through all perils lead us safe  
beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,  
through thee th'eternal Son,  
and thee the Spirit of them both,  
thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
with his co-equal Son;  
the same to thee, great Paraclete,  
while endless ages run.

*Veni Creator Spiritus  
Ascribed to Rabanus Maurus (776-856)*

## Introduction

## R = Response

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. R: **Amen**

The Lord be with you. R: **And with your Spirit.**

***I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask the blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.***

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. R: **Amen**

Lord have mercy. R: **Lord have mercy.**  
Christ have mercy. R: **Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy. R: **Lord have mercy.**

### The Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

***We praise You.***

***We bless You.***

***We adore You.***

***We glorify You.***

***We give You thanks for your great glory.***

***Lord God, Heavenly King, O God Almighty Father.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.***

***Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.***

***You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.***

***You take away the sins of the world; receive our prayer.***

***You are seated at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us.***

***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.**

## Post communion Prayer. (All stand)

**Announcements /Award of Certificates to the Candidates (All sit)**

**Dismissal (All stand)**

**Bishop:** Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R: **Now and forever.**

**Bishop:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: **Who made heaven and earth.**

**Bishop** The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

**Bishop:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

R: **Amen**

**Bishop:** Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE (All Stand)

*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.*

**Bishop Deliver us Lord.**

R: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.*

**Bishop:** Lord Jesus Christ who said 'who lives and reigns forever and ever.'

R: *Amen*

**Bishop:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: *And with your spirit.*

**Bishop:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us (x2)*

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

**Bishop:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Time for communion



## Opening Prayer by Bishop Ralph

### The Liturgy of the Word (All sit)

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting, and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

The word of the Lord.

R: *Thanks be to God.*



## Responsorial Psalm

Response: ***Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created: and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

## **SECOND READING**

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ.

In the one spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.  
**R: *Thanks be to God.***

***Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.***

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Ralph our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you. R: **And with your Spirit.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R: **It is right and just.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you.'

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

'Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.'

The Mystery of Faith.

## Gospel Acclamation (All stand)

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

### GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the father sent me, so I am sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### The Homily (All sit)

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

### *The renewal of Baptismal vows*

*The candidates all stand and reply clearly to the following questions.*

Do you renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises?

**I DO**

Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**I DO**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I DO**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

**I DO**

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**I DO**

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

**AMEN**

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing, conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence.*

Almighty God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.

Through Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

*The candidates come forward with their sponsor. The sponsor places a hand on the shoulder of the candidate.*

*The Anointing with Chrism.*

N...:Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen**

**Bishop:** Peace be with you.

R: **And with your spirit**

*The Bidding Prayers (All stand)*

R: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **The Offertory Hymn (all sit)**

*Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this bread we offer. Fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the bread of life.*

*Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever! Amen!*

*Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this wine we offer. Fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the cup of life.*