# THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

An Affirmation of Holy Baptism and the Faith of the Church

#### THE ADDRESS

Beloved children in Christ—In Holy Baptism God your Father claimed you for his own, sealed you with the Holy Spirit, and marked you forever with the cross of his Son, Jesus Christ. In doing so, he adopted you.... Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and cheerfully give answer to that which, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of his Church, I now shall ask you.

Will you this day in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation acknowledge and accept the promises which the Triune God made to you at your Baptism?

Confirmation Candidates Response: "Yes, with the help of God"

### THE RENUNCIATIONS

- P Do you renounce all the forces of evil? Response: I renounce them
- P Do you renounce the devil? Response: I renounce them
- P Do you renounce all the devil's empty promises? Response: I renounce them

### THE AFFIRMATIONS

- P Do you believe in God the Father? Response
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Response
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? Response

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us join together in mind and heart, praying for these our children who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere...

(At the words "*Holy Spirit, Come*," the Choir will sing the following music once, then the congregation is invited to join once in the refrain. After each spoken petition of "*Holy Spirit, Come*," we will sing the response together)



## THE INTENTIONS

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you now intend to remain true to this faith your whole life long, and to hold fast to the promises God made to you in Holy Baptism?

# Response: I do so intend with the help of God

P Do you intend to live among God's faithful people, hearing the Word of God and sharing in the Holy Supper of our Lord?

## Response: I do so intend with the help of God

P Do you intend to proclaim the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ through word and deed?

### Response: I do so intend with the help of God

- P Do you intend to follow the example of our Lord Jesus in your daily life, honoring God with your obedience and serving your neighbor in love? Response: I do so intend with the help of God
- **P** Give then your hand here at the Lord's altar, as a pledge of your promise, and kneeling, receive his blessing.

# LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in \_\_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in *his/her* serving, give *him/her* patience in suffering, and bring *him/her* to everlasting life.

Each person answers: "Amen." The confirmand's scripture verse is then read.

# PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these our children to be your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.