**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**4th July 2020**

# OPENING PRAYER (Celebrant)

Fulfil for us your promise, O Lord, We pray

so that the coming of the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world

to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

who lives and reigns with you

in unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### First Reading (Caíreann)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this:

“Here is my servant whom I uphold,

my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit

that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,

or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,

nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Responsorial Psalm

***R. Send forth your spirit, O’ Lord,***

***and renew the face of the earth.***

1. **(Katherine)** Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

1. **(Ethan)** All of these look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:

you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R)**

1. **(Amy)** You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works! **(R)**

1. **(Ciara)** I will sing to the Lord all my life,

make music to my God while I live.

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord**. (R)**

# Second Reading (Gráinne)

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Jesus has shown himself alive to the apostles after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at the table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. “It is,” he had said, “what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit”

Now having met together, they asked him, “Lord has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation (Jake)

Glory and praise to you, O Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Glory and praise to you, O Lord.

# Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me

do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have side these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

# Renewal of Baptismal Promises

**Celebrant:** Do you reject Satan and all his works and empty promises?

**I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given to you in a special way?

I do.

**Celebrant:** 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.**

**Celebrant:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church, we are proud to profess it in Christ, Jesus our Lord.

#### Amen

### Imposition of Hands

**Celebrant:** My dear people, in baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters.

Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

**Celebrant:** All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and give them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be your helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Anointing with Chrism**

**Celebrant:**  (Confirmation name) be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**Celebrant:** Peace be with you.

**And with your spirit.**



**Prayer of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope and love his Spirit gives.

**Reader** **(Tess)** For all those confirmed today by the gift of the Spirit, that they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love:

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear us.**

**Reader: (Conan)** For our parents and godparents who have led us in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage us to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

**Lord, hear us.**

**Reader**  **(Katie)** For the holy church of God, that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love until his Son returns in glory:

Lord, hear us

**Lord, hear us.**

**Reader** **(Brian Óg)** For all people, of every race and nation, that we may acknowledge the one God as Father, and in the bond of our common humanity seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit:

**Lord, hear us.**

**Reader** **(Sarah)** For countries all over the world, that violence and bitterness may be replaced by love and peace, that confusion and despair may be replaced with wisdom and understanding.

Lord. hear us.

**Lord, hear us.**

**Reader** **(Matthew)** For all our deceased relations and friends, for all we have known and loved. May God grant them eternal life in his heavenly kingdom.

Lord. hear us.

**Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father,

You sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and through them you give the Spirit to your people, May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Celebrant:** At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

**BLESSING**

**Celebrant:**  The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** May God the Almighty Father bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters, reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

**Amen**

**Celebrant:** May his Only Begotten Son,

who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church,

bless you and confirm you by his power

in the confession of the true faith

**Amen**

**Celebrant:** May the Holy Spirit,

Who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,

bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one

into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

**Amen**

**Celebrant:** May Almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**