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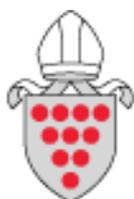
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Confirmation Service

Sunday 7th November 2021

**The Rt Revd Martin Gorick
Bishop of Dudley**

At St Andrew's Church, Malvern



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Welcome to St Andrew's for this morning's Confirmation service.

It is great to welcome you all to celebrate together at today's confirmation service. A special welcome also to Bishop Martin, the Bishop of Dudley, who will lead our service today.

It is so encouraging to see all of our candidates choosing to take this step of faith. Some have only recently joined us in here, some have been brought up in here and are now wanting to step out in faith for themselves. Thank you to all of you who have been part of their journeys over recent months and years, and please continue to pray for them in the weeks ahead. I hope that today will be an encouragement to us all, as we once again recognize the grace of God at work in their lives and our lives.

The retiring collection today, will go to the Bishop of Worcester's Discretionary Fund, which give grants in support of the mission of the Church and to those in need.

Those being confirmed

Matthew Allen
Peter Allen
Hannah Chapman
Megan Jones
Tim Jones
Daisy Oakley
Denise Preston
John Roe
Russell Tomlinson
George Wharton

Welcome & Introduction

The Revd Dave Bruce, Rector

Hymn How Great Thou Art

Chosen by Denise

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

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The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

All **There is one hope to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the service.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Holy Spirit equips the Church with a rich variety of gifts,
grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ
by lives built on faith and love.

Make us ready to live His Gospel and eager to do his will,
that we may share with all your Church
in the joys of eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates may be presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they may be presented by their godparents or sponsors.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

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

I have.

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

I am.

Testimonies

*An opportunity for some of the candidates being confirmed to give a brief
testimony....*

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation

People of God, will you welcome *these candidates* and uphold
them in *their* life in Christ?

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

Song Reckless Love

Chosen by Russell

Before I spoke a word you were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath you breathed your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still you give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God*

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
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Still you give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God*

There's no shadow you won't light up
Mountain you won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall you won't kick down
No lie you won't tear down
Coming after me

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Songwriters: Ran Jackson / Cory Asbury / Caleb Culver
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The Decision

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

The Bishop says

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you strength to continue in the Way.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop leads the following prayer of thanksgiving for baptism

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You are our light and salvation.

From the deep waters of death

you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit

may daily be renewed in your image,

walk by the light of faith,

and serve you in newness of life;

through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **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 Bishop says

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized 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.**

Song Our God Saves

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come
We're gathered together to lift up Your name
To call on our Saviour to fall on Your grace
Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

*Our God saves our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves our God saves*

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The younger children go out to their groups

The First Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-31a

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And after

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

A time of Silence may be kept after the Sermon.

Confirmation

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

All Our help is in the name of the Lord
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.**

Each candidate looks into the eyes of the Bishop who addresses them by name, and anoints them, saying

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

Each candidate bows their head and prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit as the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each, saying

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

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those who have been confirmed

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 Bishop may invite the congregation to greet them with applause.

Prayers of Intercession

The Bishop introduces the intercessions with the words

**As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father
through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.**

A member of the Congregation leads the prayers

**Reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.
In particular, we pray for...
Your name be hallowed.**

All **Your kingdom come.**

**Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.
In particular, we pray for...
Your name be hallowed.**

All **Your kingdom come.**

**Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
heal and restore your creation.
In particular, we pray for...
Your name be hallowed.**

All **Your kingdom come.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.
Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

The Bishop concludes the prayers with the following

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come
from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom
and we shall see your Son in his glory.
Merciful Father

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and
said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they
saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19,20*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Song In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
His arms of love were opened wide
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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The holy table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Holy Communion

The Bishop takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before
you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered
together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us eternal life
and delivered us
from the bondage of sin and the fear of death
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.**

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.

All **Great is the mystery of faith:
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 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 may be 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

During communion you are invited to join in the worship songs that will be played that will appear on the screens

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Followed by

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Commission

Those who are baptized
are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

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

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

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

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

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

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority
over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

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

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

When all the candidates have received a candle, the Bishop says

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 Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song Ten Thousand Reasons

The Bishop leads the newly confirmed through the church.

*Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord...

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord...

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