

4. For the Conferral of Confirmation

Excerpts from the Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

This Mass is used, with the color red or white, or a festive color, at the conferral of confirmation on days when ritual Masses are permitted. [On Sundays and Solemnities, the prayers and readings for the day will be used and the Color of the Day will be worn.] The *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest) is said. The Creed, however, is omitted.

A

Entrance Antiphon

Ez 36: 25-26

Thus says the Lord:

I will pour clean water upon you

and I will give you a new heart;

a new spirit I will put within you (Easter Time add alleluia).

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,

that the Holy Spirit, coming near

and dwelling graciously within us,

may make of us a perfect temple of his glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

Fulfill for us your gracious promise, O Lord, we pray,

so that by his coming

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 the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Other prayers to be used at choice ([see below option C](#)).

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in your mercy, O Lord,

the prayers of your servants

and grant that, being conformed more perfectly to your Son,

they may grow steadily in bearing witness to him,

as they share in the memorial of his redemption,

by which he gained for us your Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit ([below](#)) or Preface II ([below](#)) may be used.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

**Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
which we offer you
also for those reborn in Baptism,
whom you have been pleased to confirm
by bestowing the Holy Spirit,
and in your mercy, keep safe in them your grace.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)**

When Eucharistic Prayer II is used, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

**Remember also, Lord, your servants
whom you have been pleased to confirm today
by bestowing the Holy Spirit,
and keep them in your grace.**

When Eucharistic Prayer III is used, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

**Remember also, Lord,
your servants reborn in Baptism
whom you have been pleased to confirm
by bestowing the Holy Spirit,
and in your mercy, keep safe in them your grace.**

Communion Antiphon

cf. Heb 6: 4

Rejoice in the Lord, all you who have been enlightened,
who have tasted the gift from heaven
and have been made sharers in the holy Spirit (**E. T.** alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

**Accompany with your blessing
from this day forward, O Lord,
those who have been anointed with the Holy Spirit
and nourished by the sacrament of your Son,
so that, with all trials overcome,
they may gladden your Church by their holiness
and, through their works and their charity,
foster her growth in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Solemn Blessing at the end of Mass

The bishop, with hands extended over the newly confirmed, says:

**May God the Father almighty 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.**

R. Amen.

**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.**

R. Amen.

**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.**

R. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

**And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.**

R. Amen.

Or:

Prayer over the People

the bishop, with hands extended over the newly confirmed and the people, says:

**Confirm, O God,
what you have brought about in us,
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:
may they never be ashamed
to confess Christ crucified before the world
and by devoted charity
may they ever fulfill his commands.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

B

Entrance Antiphon

Rom 5: 5; cf. 8: 11

The love of god has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of god dwelling within us (e.t. alleluia).

Collect

Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
we pray, O Lord,
so that, walking in oneness of faith
and strengthened by the power of his love,
we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Other prayers to be used at choice ([see below option C](#)).

Prayer over the offerings

Accept graciously these your servants, O Lord,
together with your Only Begotten Son,
so that, signed with his Cross and with a spiritual anointing,
they may constantly offer themselves to you
in union with him
and merit each day a greater outpouring of your Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit ([below](#)) or Preface II ([below](#)) may be used.
in the Eucharistic Prayers there are proper intercessions ([see above](#)).

Communion Antiphon

cf. ps 34 (33): 6, 9

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
taste and see that the Lord is good.
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him (e.t. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Instruct, O Lord, in the fullness of the law
those you have endowed with the gifts of your Spirit
and nourished by the Body of your only Begotten Son,
that they may constantly show to the world
the freedom of your adopted children
and, by the holiness of their lives,
exercise the prophetic mission of your people.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn blessing or Prayer over the People ([above](#)).

C

Other prayers to be used if appropriate.

Collect

May the Paraclete who proceeds from you,
we pray, O Lord,
enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth,
just as your Son has promised.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept the oblation of your family,
we pray, O Lord,
that those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit
may keep safe what they have received
and come to eternal rewards.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love
and, in your kindness,
make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Holy Spirit: The sending of the Spirit by the Lord upon the Church

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

Ascending above all the heavens
and sitting at your right hand,
he poured out the promised Holy Spirit
on your adopted children.

Therefore, now and for ages unending,
with all the host of Angels,
we sing to you with all our hearts,
crying out as we acclaim:

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

Preface II of the Holy Spirit: The action of the Spirit in the Church.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you bestow gifts suited to every season
and guide the governing of your Church in wonderful ways.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
you come unfailingly to her aid,
so that with a heart always subject to you
she may never fail to seek your help in time of trouble
nor cease to give you thanks in time of joy,
through Christ our Lord.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

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