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Ritual Mass of Confirmation

The Most Reverend

Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Diocese of Yakima
Presiding

Name of Church
City, Washington
Day, Date 2011
Time PM
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Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Before the procession begins, the thurifer presents the censer and incense boat to the Bishop.

- Thurifer
- Cross Bearer
- Candle Bearers/Altar Servers
- Miter, Crozier, and Book Bearers
- Chrism Bearer
- Candidates for Confirmation (#) and Sponsors
- Confirmation Catechists
- Lectors
- Deacon <deacon> with Book of the Gospels
- Master of Ceremonies <MC name>
- Reverend <pastor>

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The Bishop holds the crozier, and wears the miter as he walks in procession.

Hymn

Upon reaching the altar, thurifer stands to the side and waits for the Bishop.

Lector places Book of Gospels on the altar and goes to place.

Deacon <deacon> places Book of Gospels on the altar and waits to kiss the altar with Bishop.

Priests <pastor> reverence the altar and go to their places.

At the altar, MC <MC name> takes miter and crozier and hands them to miter and crozier bearers, who place them in a nearby station.

After the Bishop venerates the altar, thurifer, assisted by Deacon <deacon>, presents censer and incense.

Bishop incenses the altar and cross, then proceeds to his chair.

Welcome of Bishop  Father <pastor>
**Greeting**

*MC <MC name> directs book bearer to hold ritual text.*

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

All: Amen.

**Bishop:** Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

*Bishop may give opening remarks while he remains standing at his chair.*

**Sprinkling Rite**

*A server brings a vessel containing the water to be blessed to the Bishop.*

The Bishop faces the people and invites them to pray.

*MC <MC name> directs book bearer.*

**Bishop:** Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the spirit he has given us.

*Brief pause for silent prayer.*

Lord God almighty, hear the prayers of your people: we celebrate our creation and redemption.
Hear our prayers and bless ✝ this water which gives fruitfulness to the fields, and refreshment and cleansing to man. You chose water to show your goodness when you led your people to freedom through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock. Water was the symbol used by the prophets to foretell your new covenant with man. You made the water of baptism holy by Christ’s baptism in the Jordan: by it you give us a new birth and renew us in holiness.

May this water remind us of our baptism, and let us share the joy of all who have been baptized at Easter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

_Taking the aspergill, the Bishop sprinkles himself and the ministers, then the people. He moves through the church, accompanied by a server, for the sprinkling of the people._

_Sprinkling Hymn_
When he returns to his place, the Bishop faces the people and prays the absolution:

Bishop: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the Eucharist we celebrate make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.

Gloria

Book bearer steps back.

Opening Prayer

MC <MC name> directs book bearer to hold ritual text.

Bishop: Let us pray.

God of power and mercy, send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and make us temples of his glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.
LITURGY OF THE WORD

MC <MC name> presents miter as the Bishop is seated for the reading.

First Reading Isaiah 61: 1-3abcd, 6ab, 8c-9
Responsorial Psalm 104: 1ab, 24, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34
Second Reading Romans 8: 14-17
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

Thurifer presents incense boat to Deacon <deacon> Father <pastor> and the censer to the Bishop.
Deacon <deacon> Father <pastor> receives blessing.
Thurifer leads Deacon <deacon> Father <pastor> to the ambo.
MC <MC name> takes the miter and presents the crozier.

Gospel John 14: 23-26

Bishop holds the crozier during the Gospel proclamation.
After the proclamation of the Gospel, Deacon <deacon> Father <pastor> brings the Book of Gospels with page opened to the proclamation to the Bishop to kiss.
Server retires the Book of the Gospels to a safe and worthy place.
RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Candidates

The Bishop receives miter and stands for the presentation of Candidates. Father <pastor> introduces <catechist>, who calls the names of the candidates. Candidates rise and face the Bishop as they are introduced. A dialogue with the Bishop will follow. MC <MC name> takes the miter and crozier.

Homily

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Candidates are invited stand in place. MC <MC name> presents miter and leads the Bishop to stand in front of the altar. MC <MC name> directs the book bearer. Bishop invites the candidates and all present to renew their Baptismal promises.

Bishop: So now,
before you receive the Spirit,
I ask you to renew the profession of faith
you made in Baptism or your parents and
godparents made in union with the
whole Church.

Bishop: Do you reject Satan and all his works,
and all his empty promises?

All: I do.

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

All: I do.
**Bishop:** 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?

All: I do.

**Bishop:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in confirmation?

All: I do.

**Bishop:** Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

**Bishop:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.
The Laying on of Hands

*MC <MC name>* directs the *book bearer.*
*The Bishop* faces the people and with hands joined, sings or says:

**Bishop:** My dear friends:
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.

*All pray in silence for a short time.*
*MC <MC name>* takes the miter.
*The Bishop* holds his hands outstretched over the entire group of those to be confirmed, and sings or says:

**Bishop:** All-powerful God, Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit you freed
your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their Helper and Guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment
and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and
awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.
The Anointing with Chrism

MC <MC name> presents miter and crozier. The Bishop will hold his crozier during the anointing. Candidates come forward, accompanied by sponsors, as directed by catechist(s) and stand before the Bishop two at a time. Father <pastor> stands near Bishop. Deacon <deacon> or Server holds the Sacred Chrism. The sponsor places his/her right hand on the shoulder of the Candidate.

Candidate: My name is N., and I wish to be confirmed.

Bishop dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes sign of cross on forehead of the Candidate.

Bishop: N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly confirmed: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Newly confirmed: And with your spirit.

Newly confirmed return to their places and are seated in prayerful silence. MC <MC name> takes the miter and crozier after the Anointing is completed. Servers bring bowl of soapy water and towel to Bishop at his chair.
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Deacon <deacon> or Lector goes to the ambo.
MC <MC name> directs the book bearer.

Bishop: My dear friends:
Let us be one in prayer
to God our Father
as we are one in the faith, hope, and
love his Spirit gives.

Response (R): LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Deacon or Lector:
For these sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit:
that they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love.
Let us pray to the Lord: R.

For their parents and godparents who led them in faith:
that by word and example they may always encourage them to follow the way of Jesus Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord: R.

For the holy Church of God, in union with Benedict, our Pope; Joseph, our Bishop;
Carlos, our Bishop Emeritus; and all our priests and deacons,
that the Holy Spirit may guide them in their ministry to God’s Holy People.
Let us pray to the Lord: R.

For all people, of every race and nation:
that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, and in a common bond as human family, seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray to the Lord: R.

For our deceased relatives and friends,
that they may dwell forever in the house of God.
Let us pray to the Lord: R.
Concluding Prayer

Bishop: God our Father,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
upon the apostles,  
and through them and their successors  
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.

All: Amen.

_Deacon <deacon> goes to the altar to prepare it for the Liturgy of the Eucharist._
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MC <MC name> presents miter as the Bishop is seated.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

Before Mass pre-poured Communion Vessels (Cups) with wine are placed on the credence table. Deacon <deacon> MC <MC name> and servers prepare the altar. Confirmation Catechist directs the Gift Bearers to the gift table and will lead them to the Bishop.

Preparation hymn

When the altar and gifts are ready, the miter bearer receives the miter as MC <MC name> invites the Bishop to the altar to receive the gifts. The pre-poured Communion Vessels (cups) are placed on the altar by a capable server(s) at the time when the giftbearers present the gift of bread and a small carafe of wine for the main chalice to the Bishop. After the wine has been poured into the chalice by the Deacon <deacon> or Bishop, a server removes the carafe from the altar.

After the gifts are offered, thurifer presents censer and incense boat to Bishop, who then incenses the gifts, altar, and cross. Deacon <deacon> Thurifer receives censer from Bishop and incenses him, then incenses the people.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Bishop: Pray, brethren...

Lord,
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption
by which your Son won for us the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Accept our offerings,
and send us your Spirit
to make us more like Christ
in bearing witness to the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

MC <MC name> removes zucchetto (skullcap) after the Prayer Over Gifts, and returns it to chair. Father <pastor> moves Priests move to the altar to stand with the Bishop.
Eucharistic Prayer

Preface of the Holy Spirit I

Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer III

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Lord’s Prayer

The Bishop will lead the assembly in either singing or saying the Lord’s Prayer.

Sign of Peace

Deacon <deacon> invites the people to give a sign of peace.
Servers bring communion vessels for the distribution of the Hosts to the altar.

Lamb of God

During the Fraction Rite, the Bishop first breaks the large host and then is assisted by Father <pastor> with distribution of hosts.
Filled vessels remain on altar until after the Bishop and Father <pastor> priests have received.
All remain standing after the Lamb of God, until all have received Holy Communion.
Communion Procession
The Communion Song begins as Bishop consumes the host.

Communion Song
Priests Father <pastor> and Deacon <deacon> serve as Communion ministers.
If needed, extraordinary ministers approach the altar as Bishop receives Holy Communion (but not before), where they will receive Holy Communion by Bishop and Deacon <deacon> and be handed their vessels by Father <pastor>.
MC <MC name> leads Bishop to his communion station.
MC <MC name> places ciborium on the altar.

Ministers of the Precious Blood consume whatever remains in their vessels (cups) after all have received and returns the Communion Vessels (Cups) to the credence table. These vessels are to be covered with the purificator or large corporal over all the vessels.

At the altar, Deacon <deacon> consolidates left over hosts into the ciborium and returns the ciborium to the tabernacle.
Communion vessels (bowls) are then placed on the credence table covered with a purificator or large corporal.
Deacon <deacon> purifies the vessels (cups/bowls) at the credence table following Mass.

All stand for the Hymn of Praise.

Hymn of Praise

Prayer After Communion
MC <MC name> directs the book bearer.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Lord, help those you have anointed by your Spirit
and fed with the body and blood of your Son.
Support them through every trial
and by their works of love
build up the Church in holiness
and joy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Announcements
Acknowledgements and invitation to reception (Father <pastor>)
CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

MC <MC name> presents miter and directs book bearer to hold ritual text.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All: Now and forever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: Who made heaven and earth.

Solemn Blessing

Deacon/Bishop: Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Bishop extends hands over people.

Bishop: God our Father made you his children by water and the Holy Spirit:
may he bless you and watch over you with his fatherly love.
All: Amen.

Bishop: Jesus Christ the Son of God promised the Spirit of truth would be with his Church for ever:
may he bless you and give you courage in professing the true faith.
All: Amen.
Bishop: The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and set their hearts on fire with love: may he bless you, keep you one in faith and love and bring you to the joy of God’s kingdom.

All: Amen.

**MC <MC name> presents crozier.**

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

All: Amen.

**Dismissal**

**Deacon/Bishop:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**MC <MC name> leads the Bishop, <Pastor>, and Deacon <deacon> to venerate the altar.**

Procession out.

**Recessional hymn**