

The confirmation service:

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

Candidate: I have.

Bishop: 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.

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

Candidate: I repent of them.

Bishop: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidate: I turn to Christ.

Bishop: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidate: I submit to Christ.

Bishop: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Candidate: I come to Christ.

Bishop: *(The bishop addresses each candidate by name)*

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

(He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying)

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

Glossary:

sin = disobeying God

repent = to be very sorry for something bad you have
done

submit = to put yourself under someone else's
leadership

candidate = one of the people being confirmed

EXTRA:

This is the prayer that the bishop prays for the candidates during the confirmation service:

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.
Amen.