

priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel, with Hannah his mother; for Isaiah and all the prophets; for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Saints Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Saints Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Saint Stephen, the first martyr, and all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land. In thy mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as thou gavest to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead. **Amen.**

**A R I T E F O R
A D M I S S I O N O F
C A T E C H U M E N S**

To be a Christian - An Anglican Catechism

This form is to be used for adults, or older children who are able to answer for themselves, at the beginning of a course of instruction in the teachings of the Church. It is to be used in preparation for Holy Baptism or, if those seeking admission were baptized as infants, for Confirmation.

GREETING

On the day appointed, the person(s) to be received as Catechumen(s) are brought by their sponsors to the church and remain by the principal door until the Gospel has been proclaimed.

The Celebrant greets them at the door.

Celebrant **What is thy hope?**

Catechumens **New life in Christ.**

Catechumens **What dost thou desire of God and of this congregation?**

People **That I may grow in faith, hope, and love.**

Then the Celebrant says,

If thou dost hope to enter into eternal life, thou must, by his grace, follow in our Lord's steps, for he said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

EXAMINATION

Then the Celebrant asks,

Wilt thou turn unto Jesus Christ and accept him as thy Lord and Savior?

I will do so, God being my help.

As none can do this without God's grace, found in Word and Sacrament, wilt thou then join with us in our common life of worship, teaching, service, and fellowship?

I will.

ENROLLMENT AND EXORCISM

The Celebrant leads them to the chancel steps, where they kneel, and the Celebrant prays over them, saying,

Let us pray.

O Lord God of hosts, before the terrors of whose presence the armies of Hell are put to flight: Deliver *these* thy *servants* from the powers of the world, the flesh, and the Devil; cast out from *them* every evil and unclean spirit that dost lurk in the heart, and any spirit of error or wickedness; and make *them* ready to receive the fullness of thy Holy Ghost; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Celebrant then makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of each one (and may use the Oil of Catechumens to do so), saying to each

Almighty God deliver thee from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead thee into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Catechumen(s) all kneeling, the Celebrant then blesses them, saying,

Almighty God, who in his love for *you* hast called *you* unto the knowledge of his grace, grant *you* an entrance into his kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sponsors accompany Catechumens to seats among the people.

The service continues with the Sermon and Nicene Creed.