This liturgy would be printed in the **Pastoral Liturgies** section of the prayer book immediately following the liturgy for the **Reconciliation of a Penitent**.

*The Liturgy for*

*The Laying on of Hands*

*for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception*

*From the earliest times the role of the Bishop has been central to nurturing the life of the Church.  Likewise, the liturgical laying on of hands has been a part of the church’s ritual from the beginning.*

*This liturgy addresses the desire of individuals for opportunities to acknowledge their faith and connection to the church. In particular it incorporates the themes of:*

* *Affirmation of faith and taking personal ownership of the commitments made by others at baptism.*

* *Strengthening for the life of Christian mission.*

* *Renewal of faith and commitment.*

* *Reception into the whanau of the Anglican church, both locally and throughout the world.*

* *Episcopal action and responsibility.*

*Not every aspect of this liturgy will be required in every instance.*

***Affirmation*** *is intended as a repeatable opportunity to affirm commitments previously made.*

***Renewal*** *is particularly suited to those wishing to mark a return to church and faith – it is a welcome home of sorts.*

***Reception*** *recognises that there are those, particularly coming from other faiths or denominations, who wish to acknowledge their new home within Anglicanism.*

*In each case the goal is to meet the pastoral needs of those who put themselves forward. Ultimately it is the task of the Bishop to call together the church. Accordingly, whenever the Bishop gathers with the people the Laying on of Hands may be used to encourage, renew and strengthen the People of God as they follow Christ.*

*The Liturgy for*

*The Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception*

*The liturgy takes place when the Church meets for the Eucharist or another service of worship.*

*Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception follows the proclamation of the Word, and in the context of a celebration of the Holy Eucharist is prior to* ***The Peace.***

*In special circumstances the bishop or priest shall provide a suitable introduction to this liturgy.*

**God’s Call**

*The bishop or priest says*

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,

God is love, God gives us life.

We love because God first loves us.

In baptism God declares that love;

in Christ God calls us to respond.

**The Presentation**

**for the Laying on of Hands**

**for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception**

*The bishop stands before the congregation.*

*All who come to affirm their faith and receive the laying on of hands by the bishop are brought forward and presented to the bishop with these words*

Bishop *N*, I present *N* to affirm their faith.

*The bishop shall then say*

*N*, we welcome you as you come to affirm your faith.

Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer,

to strengthen you for the work of God’s kingdom.

**The Affirmation**

*The congregation and the candidates for laying on of hands, stand to respond in these affirmations.*

Praise to God who has given us life.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, te Kai-hōmai i te ora.

**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

**Kia whakapaingia te Atua, mō tāna oha o te aroha.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, e muru nei i ō tātou hara.

**Blessed be God who sets us free.**

**Kia whakapaingia te Atua, e whakawātea nei i a tātou.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, te ahi kā o te whakapono.

**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

**Kia whakapaingia te Atua, tō mātou kaha,**

**tō mātou tūmanako.**

*The bishop or priest says to all those present who are baptised Christians*

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| Let us, the baptised,  affirm that we renounce evil  and commit our lives to  Christ. | Tātou kua tohia nei,  me whakarere te kino  tahuri pūmau ki a te Karaiti. |

*All respond*

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| **Blessed be God,**  **JESUS IS LORD!** | **Whakapaingia te Atua,**  **KO IHU TE ARIKI!** |

*It may be appropriate for some candidates to give personal witness to their faith at this point.*

*The bishop or priest then says to the candidates for the laying on of hands*

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| What is your faith? | He aha tō whakapono? |

*They respond*

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| I believe and trust in  God the Father,  maker and sustainer  of all things;  and in God the Son,  my Saviour Jesus Christ;  and in God the Holy Spirit,  giver of life and truth.  This is my faith. | E whakapono ana ahau  ki te Atua, te Matua,  te Kai-hanga  o ngā mea katou,  ki te Atua, te Tama,  taku Kai-hoko, a Ihu Karaiti,  ki te Atua, te Wairua Tapu,  te Kai-hōmai i te ora me te tika.  Ko tēnei tāku whakapono. |

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**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.**

*The bishop or priest says*

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

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

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

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*Or*

*The bishop or priest says*

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you re-commit yourself to this life?

*People*

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| **I will, with God’s help.**  **Through God’s grace, I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**  **I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.**  **I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbour as myself.**  **I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**  **I will strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.** |

**The Laying on of Hands**

*The candidates being conveniently placed, the bishop continues*

Let us pray for *these* who *have* declared *their* commitment to Christ’s service.

*Silence*

*The bishop and people say responsively*

Our help is in the name of the eternal God

Ko te Ingoa o te Atua ora tonu, tō tātou oranga,

**who is making the heavens and the earth.**

**Te Kai-hanga i te rangi, i te whenua.**

Come Holy Spirit

Haere mai, e te Wairua Tapu

**bearing your gifts of grace**

**ūhia mai tōu aroha noa.**

*The bishop prays*

Almighty God,

we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself,

and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit

you have bound us to your service.

Renew in *these* your *servants*

the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism.

Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit

to perform the service you set before *them*;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

*The bishop lays hand(s) on each candidate in silence and then prays.*

FOR AFFIRMATION OR RENEWAL

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| Creator Spirit,  Rekindle in *N* your gifts of grace,  renew and strengthen *her/his*  life in Christ  and bring to completion  all that your calling has begun. | E te Wairua Kai-hanga,  Whakaohooho i roto i a *Ingoa*  ngā manaakitanga  o tāu aroha noa,  kia pūmau ai te mahi, te aroha,  i ngā ara a te Karaiti. |
| Guide, protect, uphold  *her/him*  that *s/he* may continue  yours forever.  Amen. | Ārahina, tautokona,  tiakina ia  kia ū tonu ai ki a koe,  ake tonu atu.  Korōria ki te Atua. |

FOR RECEPTION

*N.,* we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the whānau of the Anglican Church.

Creator Spirit,

rekindle in *N* your gifts of grace,

renew *her/his* life in Christ

and bring to completion

all that your calling has begun.

Amen.

*At the conclusion of the laying on of hands for all the candidates,*

*the bishop prays*

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| Living God,  empower your disciples  to bring life to the world. | Te Atua ora tonu,  tukua mai tōu mana  ki āu pononga  hei mau i te ora ki te ao. |

*The people respond*

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| **Amen!**  **May we and they together**  **be found in Christ**  **and Christ in us.** | **Āmine!**  **Ko tātou katou ka kitea**  **i roto i te Karaiti**  **me ia hoki i roto i a tātou.** |

*The service continues but* ***The Creed*** *is not said again.*

*During* ***The Peace*** *those who have affirmed their faith may be greeted by the congregation.*

*Or*

The service may continue with The Sermon or The Prayers of the People, but The Creed is not said again.

Or

The service may continue with The Lord’s Prayer in one of the following forms

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.    Amen.**

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,

ka inoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

**ki runga ki te whenua,**

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āianei**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,**

**Āke ake ake.    Āmine.**

*Other prayers may follow, concluding with a blessing.*

**Additional Directions**

*The priest or bishop may use* ***The Readings*** *appointed for the day in place of some or all of the following.*

**Sentence, Prayer and Readings for the Liturgy**

**SENTENCE**

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. *Ezekiel 36:26*

*Or*

St Paul said: I implore you by God’s mercy to offer your very selves as a living sacrifice dedicated and fit for God’s acceptance, the worship offered by heart and mind. *Romans12:1*

**COLLECT**, *one of the following may be used*

Everloving God,

We thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith

With all who have been baptised 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. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

grant that we your servants

may never be ashamed

to confess the faith of Christ crucified,

but continue his faithful servants

to our lives’ end. **Amen.**

Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in your name,

that we may turn to good

whatever lies ahead.

Give us passion, give us fire;

make us transform the world from what it is,

to what you have created it to be. **Amen.**

Eternal God,

you have given us one baptism

for the remission of sins;

grant that we who are born of water and the Spirit

and made members of Christ,

may be one in inward faith and outward service;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

*Old Testament*

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| Exodus 14:21-29 | God saves by water |
| Isaiah 44:1-5 | Water on the thirsty land |
| Ezekiel 36:22-28 | A new heart and a new spirit |

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| Exodus 3:1-2 | The Call to Moses |
| Joshua 24:14-24 | Choosing to serve God |
| Jeremiah 1:4-8 | The prophet’s call |
| Jeremiah 31:31-34 | The new covenant |

*New Testament or Epistle*

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| Acts 2:14-47 | The first Christians |

*Some verses may be omitted*

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| Romans 6:3-11 | New life in Christ |
| Romans 8:11-17 | The spirit of adoption |
| Romans 12:1-13 | Renewed service |
| 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 | Baptised by one spirit into one body |
| Galatians 3:23-29 | Baptised into union with Christ |
| Ephesians 4:1-6 | Baptism and unity |
| Ephesians 6:10-20 | The armour of Christ |
| 1 Peter 2:4-10 | A chosen people |
| 1 Peter 3:13-22 | Baptism and Christian living |

*Gospel*

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| Mark 1:14-20 | Christ’s invitation: our response |
| Mark 10:35-45 | The cost of discipleship |
| John 13:3-17 | Christian service |
| John 14:15-21 | The Spirit who lives in us |

***Records***

*Records of the Laying on of Hands for Affirmation, Renewal and Reception shall be kept by the Church and, where appropriate, a copy handed to the candidates.*