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THE TENETS AND FAITH OF THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

These Tenets and Faith are founded on the Apostle Creed and the word of God given in the Holy Bible.

In confessing our beliefs in this manner, it must be understood that we believe that there is only one God, the living and true God who is made up of a Godhead consisting of The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one God, to All Eternity. This is known as the doctrine of the Trinity God.

1.—We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

(Deut 6:4, 1 Cor 8:4, Matt 3:16-17, Matt 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 John 5:7)

2.—We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father our Lord and Saviour, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered on the Cross by Crucifixion, died and buried, descended into Hades, on the third day He arose, taught His Disciples for 40 days of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, ascended up and into Heaven, and as the High Priest sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come again to take the Members of the Elect unto Himself, and on the last Judgment Day to judge the Quick and the Dead.

(Gen 1:1, Gen 1:31, Ex 20:11, Psa 102:25, John 1:3, Heb 1:10, 11:3)

3.—We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Universal Holy Apostolic Church, the Communion with the Saints, forgiveness and remission of sins, and the Resurrection to life everlasting (eternal).

(John 14:26, 1 Peter 1:12, Eph 4:4-5, Eph 4:13, Eph 2:20-21, Eph 3:15, 2 Cor 13:14, Acts 26:18, Matt 26:28, Luke 14:14, Rev 20:6)

4.—We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of His Church, which He rules and sustains through The Holy Spirit and to which He sent and continues to send His Apostles.

(Col 1:18, John 14:26, John 6:63, 2 Cor 3:6, Matt 28:18-20, Eph 2:20, Joel 2:23)

5.—We believe in the Apostle as teacher, helper, intercessor and the ambassador of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Matt 28:18-20, Acts 26:17-18, 2 Cor 1:24, 1 Tim 2:1, 2 Cor 5:20)

6.—We believe in the Holy Scriptures, of the Old and New Testaments, with all promises contained therein from beginning to end.

(Isa 34:16, Rom 15:4, Matt 24:35, 1 Peter 1:25, 2 Tim 3:16)

7.—We believe in Holy Baptism with water, whereby we belong to Jesus Christ.

(Matt 28:19, Gal 3:27, Rom 6:3-4, John 13:8, Eph 5:26-27,
1 Peter 3:21-22)

8.—We believe in the Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as it is by this Sacrament, that the Father and Son, through the Holy Ghost, lives within us.

(John 6:53-58, Gal 2:20)

9.—We believe that through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our soul is clothed in His righteousness and prepared for His Bride, and becomes a vessel for the Holy Ghost, through which the Father in Heaven makes the internal being alike unto His Son.

(Matt 26:28, Rev 7:9, Rev 7:14, Rom 8:10, Rev 21:2, 1 Cor 3:16,
1 John 2:29, Eph 4:13, 1 Cor 15:21-23)

10.—We believe in the Sealing, through which we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, by laying on of the hands of the Apostle to activate the Gifts of the Holy Ghost within us.

(John 6:27, Acts 10:38, Acts 8:17-18, Eph 1:13, 2 Cor 1:22)

11.—We believe that the Holy Ghost gives us all our teaching from Heaven, according to the words and promises of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Apostle Office sent into the world for this purpose.

(John 14:26, John 15:16, John 15:26-27, Matt 10:40,
Luke 24:47-48, Rev 21:14)

12.—We believe that we live in the last day of God (a thousand years is as one day before God) and that the day of the return of our Lord Jesus is approaching, when He will take His Bride from those that slumber in death and the living as the first resurrection.

(Ex 20:11, 2 Peter 3:8, Matt 24:30-31, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Rev 20:4-6)

13.—We believe in the uniting in Heaven with Christ and then on earth, the cleansing time will occur.

(Jude 14:15, Eph 5:26-27, Rev 19:7-9, Heb 12:26, 2 Peter 3:10)

14.—We believe in the reign of peace of a thousand years on Earth as the seventh day of God, after which the last judgment will follow.

(Dan 2:44, Matt 16:28, Matt 25:34, Rev 20:6, Rev 20:11-15)

15.—We believe in God the Father as the Creator, in the Son of God as the High Priest who intercedes for us, and in the Holy Ghost in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as the Teacher speaking to us, in the Holy Apostolic Church.

(Neh 9:6, Heb 4:14-16, Rom 8:9-14, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Peter 1:15-19)

A more detailed explanation of understanding our Faith and Beliefs can be found in the Guide printed in 1993.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS GOD GAVE
TO MOSES ON MOUNT SINAI
— (Exodus Chapter 20)**

- 1.—I am the Lord thy God which hath brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2.—Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 3.—Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.
- 4.—Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 5.—Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- 6.—Thou shalt not kill.
- 7.—Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8.—Thou shalt not steal.
- 9.—Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 10.—Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

THE COMMANDMENTS AS SPOKEN BY JESUS AS RECORDED IN ST. MARK, CHAPTER 12

The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING

1.—How did the Earth & Heavens we see and all animals, birds, fishes and vegetation come into existence?

Answer: It was all created by the Almighty God from nothing, by His powerful word, in the space of six days in His time, and all was very good.
(Gen 1, Heb 11:3, Neh 9:6, Job 26:7, Psa 102:25, Acts 14:15)

2.—What was the most important part of this Creation?

Answer: When God created man in His image and out of man He created woman as his helpmeet.
(Gen 1:26-27, Col 3:10)

3.—What is meant by being created in the image of God?

Answer: God is a three part being; The Father, Son and Holy Ghost and man was also made as Body, Soul and Spirit in that order.
(Gen 2:7, Matt 10:28, 1 Thess 5:23, James 2:26)

4.—Why did God create the first man, Adam and from Adam the first woman, Eve?

Answer: God wanted man and woman to populate the earth with citizens who would always glorify God, and be able to share eternal life with Him in the highest Heaven.
(Gen 1:28, 1 Cor 10:31, Psa 73:24-26, John 17:22-24)

5.—Were all in the higher realms of God's creations happy with God's plan?

Answer: No. Satan, the arch-angel and some of his followers thought they should have been the ones to live with God in His glorious, highest Heaven.

(Gen 3:13-15, Rev 12:9-10, Rev 20:2)

6.—What special covenant did God enter into with Adam and Eve for their future?

Answer: God promised eternal life to them on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding them to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, on the penalty of death.

(Gen 2:16-17, Prov 11:19, Ezek 18:4)

7.—Did Adam and Eve stay in the state they were created?

Answer: No. Through the temptation of Satan they were disobedient and tried to justify that sin.

(Gen 3:1-13)

8.—What was the result of this?

Answer: God was forced to put them out of His garden, introduce the death of the body and create a place of waiting (called hell) for the eternal soul, to await His final judgment.

(Gen 3:24, Gen 3:19, Psa 9:17, Psa 16:10, Rev 20:12-13)

9.—How did this effect all future generations born from Adam and Eve?

Answer: Since we all inherit our natural life from Adam and Eve, we therefore also inherit the penalty of that original sin.

(Rom 5:12, 1 Cor 15:22, Psa 51:5)

10.—Did this bring to an end God's plan for man and woman?

Answer: No. God is immutable (unchangeable) and in His time planned to send the way into the world that man and woman could once again be reconciled to Him as His sons and daughters and receive the promise reserved for mankind.

(Exodus 3:14, Mal 3:6, James 1:17, Gen 3:15)

11.—How did God then lead and teach mankind?

Answer: For 4000 years God showed by sight His power, by the great flood, by dispersing the world at Babel, by choosing a people and giving them a promised land, by introducing laws and sacrifices and guiding them through the words of the prophets, but still man was unable to take hold of the promise of eternal life because of sin.

(Gen 6:7-8, Gen 11:9, Gen 17:19, Ex 14:29-30, Ex 20, Matt 23:34, Mal 4:4-5)

12.—What then did God do to bring back the promise of eternal life for mankind?

Answer: God showed His great love by sending to the world his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to become the second created man of God to overcome His enemies, sin, hell and death and begin a new way.

(1 John 5:11, John 1:1-14, Heb 2:14, Luke 1:32, Luke 2: 1-15, John 3:16)

13.—How was this second man created?

Answer: He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin and therefore did not inherit the original sin but was born spirit first and flesh second.

(Matt 1:23, Luke 1:26-35)

14.—How did He overcome the enemy, sin?

Answer: Jesus Christ overcame all the temptation of sin for His whole life on this earth, and being sinless He then took the sins of all the world upon Himself as a perfect sacrifice.

(Matt 4:1-11, John 1:29, Heb 4:15, Heb 9:26, 1 John 1:7)

15.—How did He overcome the enemy, hell?

Answer: After being crucified His soul had to go to hell as was the destiny of all men, but because of His great victory over sin and His trust in God He had the power to overcome the gates of hell forever more.

(Rev 1:18, Luke 23:43, Eph 4:8-10, 1 Peter 3:19)

16.—How did He overcome the enemy, death?

Answer: On the third day after His death Jesus Christ arose in body to be seen alive again by many to show us that death can now be overcome.

(Heb 2:14, Luke 24:5-7, Luke 24:39, John 20:29, 1 Cor 15:4-8)

17.—What role did Jesus Christ then have to fulfil?

Answer: He now set in place the means by faith by which all mankind could achieve the right to be restored to Paradise, to live in the Kingdom of God and then obtain eternal life in the glory of God's Heaven.

(Eph 2:4-5, 1 Cor 3:11, 1 John 2:1, 1 Cor 15:20-21)

18.—By what means on earth is this achieved?

Answer: Our Lord established the Church which was to be universal and Apostolic, ascended to Heaven to be the head of the Church, sent the Holy Ghost to lead and guide the Church and become our Prophet and High Priest forever at the right hand of God as a link between mankind and God until He is again sent forth to claim His own and become our King of Kings.

(John 20:21, John 15:16, Acts 1:8, Acts 1:9, Acts 2:1-4, Eph 5:23,
1 Tim 2:5, Heb 6:20)

19.—What is the role and object of the Church?

Answer: The objective of an Apostolic Church is to bring all to the Grace of Jesus Christ, to reconcile a people again to God, and to be led in childlike faith by the Holy Ghost to be prepared as a bride at His return in power and glory which is near at hand.

(Eph 2:4-5, 2 Cor 5:20, John 16:13-14, Matt 24:31)

20.—Do we lose our place in the church, with all the promises, as we pass from this life?

Answer: No. Our Lord Jesus Christ in overcoming sin, hell and death, has prepared two places of waiting for the souls who prepare themselves by His Grace in this life, but the church always remains one, with members in three places.

(John 14:1-4, Rom 14:8-9, Rom 1:17, Ezek 41:16, Ezek 42:3-6)

21.—What are these three places according to God's word?

Answer: The living church on earth, under the Golden Altar for the martyrs, and Paradise for those souls who have answered the call of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 2:5, Rev 6:9-11, Luke 23:43, Rom 3:24-26, 2 Cor 12:9, Matt 16:24, 2 Cor 12:4, Rev 2:7)

22.—Did God have an order by which His Church should function?

Answer: Yes. God is a God of order and from the beginning of time showed that His Church must function in His order of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, and Pastors and teachers; described as the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

(Gen 2:10-14, Ezek 10:14, Eph 4:11-13, Rev 4:4-11)

23.—Did the Apostolic Church prosper after its establishment by Christ?

Answer: Yes. The book of Acts records the growth and blessings granted to the Church while it was led and guided by the Holy Ghost through the Apostle office and ministry.

(Acts 1:26, Acts 2:41, Acts 2:47, Acts 8:14, Acts 10:47, Acts 23:11)

24.—Why did the Apostolic Church with living Apostles not continue?

Answer: Because those in the Priest ministry wished to elevate themselves and did not ask the Lord to continue with the Apostle ministry, and replaced that office by man made ministries that took away the established order of God.

(2 Thess 2:3-4, Joel 1:1-7, 2 Cor 11:13-15)

25.—What was the consequence of that action?

Answer: The Church lost the guidance of the Holy Ghost and many gifts and blessings ceased to exist and the Church was led by man's wisdom and rules, into darkness.

(Prov 1:7, Isa 47:10-11, Joel 1:13-14, 1 John 5:9)

26.—Was God pleased with these events?

Answer: No. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, and according to His promise has again re-established the Apostolic Church with living Apostles to dispense the means of Grace to the world so that His promises will be fulfilled.

(Joel 2:23, Matt 28:20, James 5:7)

27.—What is the role of an Apostle to the Church?

Answer: Apostles are ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ, entrusted to give His teaching and commandments, and vessels through whom God appoints the Officers, Spends Gifts, Seals, and proclaims the forgiveness of Sins and dispensation of Grace.

(John 17:18-20, Matt 28:18-20, 2 Cor 5:18-21, Acts 6:6-7, Acts 8:17)

28.—How is the Grace of Christ dispensed to the Church?

Answer: By the word of God preached, the forgiveness of Sins, and the Holy Sacraments.

(Matt 26:13, John 20:21-23, Matt 28:18-20, John 3:5-8)

29.—How many Sacraments has an Apostolic Church?

Answer: Three - Baptism (with water), Holy Communion, and Sealing.

(Matt 28:19, Matt 26:26-29, John 6:53-54, Eph 1:13, Eph 4:30)

30.—How many Witnesses according to the Bible are in Heaven?

Answer: Three - The Father, the Word (Son), and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.

(1 John 5:7, Matt 3:16-17, Matt 28:19, 1 Peter 1:2)

31.—How many Witnesses then has the Church on earth?

Answer: Three - Water, Blood and Spirit; and these three agree in one.

(1 John 5:8, 1 John 5:6, Acts 10:47, Rev 1:5, Rev 5:9,
Rev 7:14, Rev 22:17)

32.—What do we receive by Baptism with water?

Answer: We are separated from the world by being redeemed from the original inherited sin and written into Christ's book of life.

(John 3:5, Mark 16:16, 1 Cor 12:13, Gal 3:27, Eph 5:26-27, Rev 20:15)

33.—What do we receive through partaking of Holy Communion worthily?

Answer: We receive remission of forgiven sins which are replaced by the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

(1 John 1:7, 2 Cor 5:21, Matt 26:28, Rev 19:8, 2 Peter 1:1, 1 Peter 2:24)

34.—What do we receive through the Holy Sealing?

Answer: The anointing of the Holy Ghost.

(Matt 3:16-17, 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:3-4, John 14:17, Eph 4:30)

35.—Why has God given to us the anointing of the Holy Ghost through Sealing?

Answer: This inward spirit is to prepare us to become similar to Christ's image and to be ready to be prepared for the final rebirth to be as our Lord, at His return to the earth.

(Rom 8:14-16, 1 Cor 6:19-20, 2 Cor 3:18, 1 Thess 4:15-17)

36.—Why then do we believe that the Lord Jesus Christ soon will return?

Answer: Because the signs of the times are here as foretold by our Lord and the Prophets, and that before God 1000 years are like one day according to the Holy Bible.

(Matt 24, Acts 1:11, Heb 9:28, Rev 3:11, 2 Peter 3:8)

37.—What will happen on the earth prior to Christ's return?

Answer: According to the Holy Bible, the Apostolic Church will suffer great persecution, powers will rise to rule the world according to Satan's ways and he will exert great powers on mankind to force them not to worship God or Christ.

(Rev 13:6-8, Rev 13:16-17, Rev 13:13-14, Matt 24:21-22)

38.—What must we do during this time?

Answer: We must suffer all persecution and tests, and must not join with the world but stand firm in our faith in Jesus Christ and trust in the Lord.

(Matt 24:13, Matt 10:22, James 1:12, Isa 26:4, 1 Peter 1:7-9)

39.—Will this trust be rewarded?

Answer: Yes. The Lord will strengthen us and at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ those who are still true to Christ will be spared death.

(Isa 26:8, Luke 20:36, Isa 25:8, 1 Cor 15:24, 2 Tim 1:10)

40.—What will be the purpose of the Lord's return?

Answer: He will be sent forth from Heaven as a bridegroom, bringing with Him all souls from the Golden Altar and Paradise, resurrect their bodies from the ground, complete the rebirth for them, convert the faithful living and take the prepared Church as His bride unto Heaven to present to the Father for the marriage of the Lord.

(1 Thess 4:13-17, 2 Tim 4:8, Rev 21:2, 2 Cor 11:2)

41.—What then, during this blessing in Heaven will happen on earth?

Answer: The earth and all therein will be cleansed by fire and all things made new.

(2 Peter 3:6-7, Dan 2:44, Isa 11:1-9, Rev 3:12)

42.—Do we then remain with Jesus in Heaven?

Answer: No. He returns to the earth with all the saints that took part in His victory, binds Satan, and establishes His kingdom, the Millennium - Reign of Peace for 1000 years.

(Rev 20:1-4, Isa 65:17, Isa 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13)

43.—What then happens near the end of that kingdom?

Answer: Satan is set free for a short time to test all of those born into this kingdom period.

(Rev 20:7-8)

44.—What then is the destiny of Satan?

Answer: God sends forth an angel to overcome Satan and his followers, who are then forced into hell to await judgment.

(Rev 20:9-10)

45.—What then comes after the Reign of Peace for 1000 years?

Answer: The second resurrection when all from the beginning of the world have to come forward and face the last judgment of God.

(Rev 20:11-15)

46.—What will be the final destiny of the faithful Church?

Answer: Eternal life in Heaven in the Glory of God to show His immutability.

(Rev 22:5, Matt 13:43, Phil 3:21, Psa 73:24)

47.—Name the full armour required by the Bride of Christ.

1. The robe of truth.
2. The breastplate of righteousness.
3. The shoes, the gospel of peace.
4. The shield of faith.
5. The helmet of salvation.
6. The sword of the spirit, (the word of God).
7. Praying always with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

(Eph 6:13-18)

PRAYERS

We should always pray to the Lord. Christ while on earth set the example, every morning, noon and night, always giving thanks and in time of trouble.

1 Thessalonians Chapter 5 Verses 17-18:

“Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Matthew Chapter 26 Verse 41:

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.”

Following is a guide to regular prayers:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done on earth,
As it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us.
Let not the tempter overwhelm us,
But deliver us from all Evil
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power,
And the Glory for Ever and Ever. Amen.

Question: What does the word "Amen" mean?

Answer: Amen means, "Yes, Lord so let it be."

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

Children should be taught to pray from a young age and following is a guide for children's prayers:

**A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AFTER GRACE
HAS BEEN SAID FOR MEALS**

We Thank thee Lord for Thy Blessings which in Thy love thou daily spends. Please God, grant us grace and mercy to the end, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Loving Father I have wakened,
From a restful healthy sleep,
Let Thy Will be my desire,
Joyfully this day to keep,
And upon the narrow way,
Let Thy Angels with me stay.
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Loving Father, Thee I bring,
Praise and thanks for everything,
Health, protection, food and light,
Through this day into the night,
As I now lay down to sleep,
Let their watch, Thy Angels keep.
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord, I thank Thee for this day
For Thy guidance on my way;
Let Thy Grace abide with me
That from sin I may be free;
Keep Thy Angels always near,
So that I may never fear.
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN ENTERING CHURCH

Holy Ghost, so sweet and kind,
Teach me what is right to mind;
Be beside me through this day,
This I humbly now do pray.
Bless our Apostles with Thy love,
Fill them with wisdom from above.
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN FOR THEIR GODLY PARENTS

Our Father in Heaven, I thank Thee for the tender care and constant prayer of my godly Parents.

I sincerely pray, Lord God, through Thy Sending, guide and rule my spirit, that unfeigned faith of my Parents, dwell in me also.

Help me O God, to keep ever before me the high ideal of service and character, which they have impressed upon my mind.

Help me O Father of love, to make bright the sunset of their days, that by my life and faith to be a living answer to their prayers; and when I mourn, as one who mourneth for the Parents, may their memory be still with me, a shining star to guide me on my journey through good and evil days of life until the journey is over.

O Lord grant this my humble prayer through the great deed of Thy love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

DEFINITION OF THE 4R EMBLEM

~ The emblem begins with a cross  which signifies the cross of *Jesus Christ* where our faith begins.

~ The next item is a continuous circle around  the cross which signifies our whole faith which revolves around *Jesus Christ* and is never ending — *He* is the beginning and the ending of our faith.

~ The 4R's then take shape  signifying :-

Righteousness in **T**houghts,
Righteousness in **W**ords,
Righteousness in **D**eeds,
Righteousness in **W**ays.

We then summarise these 4 as:

RIGHT ~ ROYAL ~ RIGHTEOUS ~ RICH

1. We must strive to live our life **RIGHT** according to the Holy Bible.
2. We must strive to be **ROYAL** as a bride to have membership with *Christ the King of Kings*.
3. We can only become **RIGHTEOUS** in partaking of the *Body and Blood of Christ*.
4. We are always **RICH** in the promises *Christ* gave to *His* Apostles and all who through the Apostle Word believe in *Him*.

THE MEANING OF CONFIRMATION

We take upon ourselves the responsibility of the Baptismal Vow given by our parents before the Lord on our behalf when Baptised.

Confirmation Hymns

95. AT THE FONT

Melody: No. 16

1. At the font my vows were spoken,
By my parents in the Lord;
That those vows shall be unbroken,
At the Altar I record.
O, my Saviour, Thou hath led me,
Since I first became Thine own.
Thou hath taught me in Thy sending,
I should live for Thee alone.
2. Lord, meet me with Thy salvation,
In Thy Church's ordered way.
Let me feel Thy Confirmation,
In Thy love and truth to-day.
Follow wholly Thy directing,
Through Thy word this very day,
I will trust in Thy protecting,
And will follow Thee, Thy way.
3. Resting Saviour, in Thy merit,
Strengthened through Thy Spirit's word.
At the call I may inherit,
All Thy promised joy, O Lord;
Now and evermore, remaining,
In the only true belief.
Might and firmness and strength gaining,
Hope in danger, joy in grief.

166. O BROTHER, LIFE'S JOURNEY BEGINNING

Melody: Sankey 699

1. O brother, life's journey beginning,
With courage and firmness arise! —
Look well to the course thou art choosing;
Be earnest, be watchful, and wise!
Remember — two paths are before thee,
And both thy attention invite;
But one leadeth on to destruction,
The other to joy and delight.

Chorus:

God help you to follow His banner,
And serve Him wherever you go.
And when you are tempted, my brother,
God give you the grace to say "No!"

2. O sister, yield not to the tempter,
No matter what others may do;
Stand firm in the strength of the Master,
Be loyal, be faithful, and true!
Each trial will make you the stronger,
If you, in the name of the Lord,
Fight manfully under your Leader,
Obeying the voice of His word.

Chorus:

3. O brother, the Saviour is calling!
Beware of the danger of sin;
Resist not the voice of the Spirit,
That whispers so gently within.
God calls you to enter His service —
To live for Him here, day by day;
And share by and by in the glory,
That never shall vanish away.

Chorus:

GUIDELINE TO PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Each morning the household should unite by calling on the Trinity God and in the reading of a text from the Holy Bible.

A prayer should be offered along the lines of the guide:

MORNING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Lord God, we bow down in all humility before Thee and bring thanksgiving unto Thee, that Thou hast kept us from all harm during the night and provided us with Thy Blessings. Bless our outgoings of the morning so that in the evening we shall praise Thee, and rejoice in the deeds of Thy love throughout the day. Let Thy guardian Angels watch over us this day and keep us from all trials, troubles, sickness, sorrow, grief, accidents, but more so from an untimely death. Let our mind and deeds be holy and profitable, blessed and always innocent; that when the day is ended we may still be in Thy favour, and rest in the holy hope that Thy goodness and Thy blessing is with us. Watch over Thine Apostles and fill them with the light and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Protect the Church and Thy servants and at all times let Thy hand direct the mission labour, that all increase may be dedicated unto Thee.

(Morning Salute)

We ask that Thy Spirit will go out to all that call on Thee during this day. Protect the Queen and her Government and grant a just and honourable peace to all nations. Grant this our prayer through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all. Amen.

This should be followed by **The Lord's Prayer**. The Lord's Prayer can be used whenever prayer is required.

Grace should be said before every meal in the following guide:

GRACE — A PRAYER AT TABLE BEFORE TAKING MEALS

Heavenly Father we humbly thank Thee for these Thy gifts with which Thou hast blessed us; we pray, bless the partaking of this food for the body, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The children should then say a prayer after Grace as taught.

If in a place where it is not convenient to say the full Grace prayer out loud, it can be done in silence or a shortened prayer can be said by simply saying the words:

“Lord Bless this Meal.” Amen.

At some time during the day or in the evening when the household is together they should pause and read a Psalm or Proverbs from the Holy Bible. An Evening Prayer should be said by the household before retiring for the night, along the following lines:

EVENING PRAYER

Again O Lord God, in all humility with a contrite heart and a repenting spirit, we come before Thee, after the day is ended and give thanks, praise, honour and glory unto Thee, that Thou hast in Thy love, kept us from all trials, troubles, sickness, sorrow, grief and accidents throughout the day. We go into the night and don't know what is before us, but Lord we humbly beseech Thee to place Thy guardian Angels around us and also the homes of Thy people. Please grant us a restful slumber so that we awake in the morning refreshed from our rest, to fulfil the many callings of our daily duties. Protect Thy church and Thy servants, clothe Thine Apostles with the wisdom and understanding of the Holy Spirit and give them health and strength to fulfil their calling. Protect the youth of the church from all temptations and let Thy hand direct the mission labour so that all increase may be dedicated unto Thee. Protect the Queen and her government and let an honourable peace reign amongst all nations. Where we have sinned during this day, we ask that these sins be covered through the Grace won for us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Lord God grant this our prayer through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Ghost be with us all. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS

On attending Service, prayers should always come from the heart. The following are only a guide:

PRAYER FOR MEMBERS WHEN ENTERING FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

Lord God, I thank thee, that thou hast permitted me to attend Divine Worship, and I beseech Thee let the Holy Spirit rule my mind so that I give heed to the proclamation of the Gospel and imprint it deeply within me.

Loving Father, I beseech Thee to strengthen thine Apostles and Thy Servants and guide them by the Holy Ghost to proclaim the Gospel message for the welfare of my soul. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Loving Father, I humbly beseech Thee to let me receive of the righteousness which is in the Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ prepared for me by the Holy Ghost of our Lord's Sending of which I have partaken. I beseech Thee to transmit this blessing to the sick and afflicted, and those who cannot be present and those entrusted to my care. Amen.

A PENITENTIAL PRAYER ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS

O gracious and righteous God, Who does guide us to be meek through the Holy Ghost, and teaches us to be humble and gentle in Thy way, forgive us the sins and offences of our evil nature, be pleased O Lord and remember Thy former mercies and Thy goodness, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from the adversary and our misery and grant us Grace. Keep us in perfect and righteous dealing, that we may dwell, free from trouble and safe from all our enemies. Grant O God our petition through Jesus Christ, Who is God with Thee. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

O Lord God, bless us and make us always happy in our married life; let Thine ears be open to our prayers, give us, we beseech Thee, a contrite heart and a humble spirit. Give us a zeal of Thy Holy Name that we may do good; being thus prepared with holy dispositions we may be delivered out of all our troubles which should meet us, by Thy love, Grace and mercy. Defend us from all the pitfalls of married life, so, in the course of our life, we may feel and taste the goodness of Thee O Lord; the sweetness of Thy mercy which may be an anchor for our soul for ever. Give us the earnest of the Spirit to

consign us to the fruition of Thy Creative power and of the glories of Thy kingdom. Give us courage to humble ourselves one toward the other so that we forgive before the sun goes down. Let O Lord, the Holy Spirit be the ruling factor in our home, so that happiness and contentment reigns therein. Guide us through the Holy Spirit to lead a life pleasing in Thy sight. Amen.

A PRAYER TO UPLIFT US

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:

He makes me down to lie.

In pastures green; He leadeth me,

The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;

And me to walk doth make,

Within the paths of righteousness,

Ev'n for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,

Yet will I fear none ill;

For Thou art with me; and Thy rod,

And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished,

In presence of my foes;

My head Thou dost with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life,

Shall surely follow me;

And in God's house for evermore,

My dwelling-place shall be. Amen.

APOSTLE BLESSING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Love of God the Father,

The Fellowship of the Holy Ghost,

Be with us now and forever more. Amen.