

Reception into the Anglican Church

The candidate is presented by the priest and/or a lay sponsor.

Name has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the ... Church. They now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The bishop says to the candidate

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order?

I do.

The bishop welcomes the person in these words, taking them by the hand.

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church

The congregation responds

We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The bishop says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love,

source of all good,

by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant

and guide him/her in your way of peace and love.

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. **Amen.**

The candidate kneels (if they can) and the bishop lays hands on the candidate's head, saying

Name, may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you

in the service of Christ and his kingdom

in the fellowship of this Church.

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

bles, preserve and keep you.

Amen.

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