

## **A Celtic-Inspired Confirmation Service of Belonging and Blessing**

### **Welcome and Gathering**

**Bishop:** Welcome, beloved ones—gathered under the sky, among the stones, near the waters, upon this ancient earth.

You are welcome here, wholly and fully—just as you are.

In the tradition of our ancestors, and with hearts open to all, we come together to affirm a sacred journey.

Let the winds carry our prayers,  
Let the earth hold our hopes,  
Let the fire kindle our spirit,  
And the water cleanse and renew us.

### **Invocation of the Elements**

**All:** We call to the East, place of sunrise, of new beginnings and clarity.  
We honour the air that breathes through us.

We call to the South, place of warmth and passion, of courage and transformation.  
We Honour the fire that burns in our hearts.

We call to the West, place of sunset, of intuition and compassion.  
We Honour the water that flows through our emotions.

We call to the North, place of stone and root, of wisdom and stillness.  
We Honour the earth that holds our stories.

May these elements bless this time and all who gather here.

### **Words of Welcome and Inclusion**

**Bishop:** This is a place for all—of every gender, every love, every shape and shade of life.  
Today, we mark a passage—not into perfection, but into promise.  
A promise to walk in truth, to live with courage, to seek kindness, and to belong—deeply, and without condition.

Let all who come here know:  
You are not alone.  
You are part of the story.  
You are sacred.

### **Confirmation Blessing**

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(Those being confirmed may come forward or be invited to stand.)

**Bishop (or community elder/minister):** [Name], you stand here with ancient winds at your back and a future wide before you.

May your path be guided by the stars above and the soil beneath your feet.

May you always know the strength of your spirit, and the tenderness of your heart.

Do you choose to walk in love, with integrity and joy, Honouring all life as kin?

**Candidate:**

I do, with the help of all who walk beside me—seen and unseen.

**Bishop:**

Then we, your community, affirm you as one who journeys in light and love.

You are named, known, and never alone.

**Community Blessing**

**All:** We bless you, [Name], with the strength of oak,  
the clarity of water,  
the warmth of fire,  
and the breath of the dawn.

Go in peace and in power,  
with the love of your people and the whisper of the wild in your soul.