

The Parish of

Induction of
The Reverend

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by The Rt. Rev'd.....

date

THE GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

During the singing of the hymn the procession will enter the church.

HYMN 1

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and then greets them with these words:
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Area Dean says

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
by his mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

Open our lips O Lord,
And we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

The congregation remains standing as representatives of the Parish of bring the Rector-elect to the front of the church.

The congregation sits.

*Representatives of **the Parish of X:***

Bishop X, we bring you N our brother/sister in Christ. We thank God for his/her ministry in the Parish of We pray that the Parish of will love and support him/her.

The Bishop:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for enabling the ministry of N in your midst. Thank you for sharing your lives with him/her and for your care and concern for him/her. We pray for you as you continue to minister in Christ's name.

The representatives of Parish return to their places

The Bishop: We bring the Reverend N to this community to preach the word, celebrate the sacraments, and build up the Body of Christ.

God calls every member of the Body of Christ to ministry.

To prepare for this new beginning, let us acknowledge God's holy presence, the source of our life and being, and seek God's forgiveness.

(Pause for reflection).

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Help us, by your Spirit, to live in newness of life.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Standing, the Bishop says

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness

to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE PRESENTATION

The Parish Wardens, standing before the Bishop with the Rector elect, say:

Bishop X, we come together to welcome N. He/she has been chosen to serve as the Rector of this parish of We believe he/she is well qualified, and has been prayerfully and lawfully elected.

The Bishop addresses the Rector elect.

N, I am now to induct you to ministry in this parish. You are called by God to work as pastor, priest and teacher. It is your task to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to the penitent, to pronounce God's blessing, to baptise, to preside at the celebration of the Lord's Supper and to encourage each one in their vocation and ministry.

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Rector elect: I do.

The Bishop invites people to stand, addressing them in this way:

Will you who witness this new beginning, support and uphold **N** in his/her new ministry?

All: **We will.**

The Bishop says:

Let us offer our prayer to God for this congregation and for **N**, its Rector elect:

Everliving God, we praise you for the church in this place. In your great love, continue to bless it. Strengthen and sustain your servant **N that** with patience and understanding **he/she** may love and care for your people.

Grant that together they may follow our Lord Jesus Christ, offering to you all their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THE INDUCTION

The Rector elect stands with the Bishop

The Bishop:

I now invite the people to bring forward symbols of ministry to enrich **N** in **his/her** work in our community.

A Bible is presented.

The Bishop:

Take this Bible. Be faithful in reading the Scriptures and expounding them to this congregation and calling all to obedience to the gospel.

Rector elect:

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

All: **We promise to hear, read and study the word of God.**

A Prayer Book is presented.

The Bishop:

Take this Prayer Book. Be among your people as a person of prayer, faithfully ordering the worship of the Church and administering its pastoral offices.

Rector elect:

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

All: **We promise to give ourselves to God in prayer and worship.**

A vessel of water is presented.

The Bishop:

Take this water. Be faithful in administering the sacrament of baptism according to the commands of Christ and the order and discipline of this Church.

Rector elect:

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

All: We will welcome those baptised and assist them by example and fellowship.

Bread and wine are presented.

The Bishop:

Take this bread and wine. Be faithful in celebrating the sacrament of the death and resurrection of Christ in this congregation.

Rector elect:

I give thanks to God for this privilege and accept this ministry.

All: We will always give praise and thanks to God for the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord.

Healing oil and a Reconciliation Stole are presented::

The Bishop:

N, be a channel of God's healing, hope and forgiveness in this place.

Rector elect:

I will seek to be a faithful agent of God's healing and reconciling love.

All:

By God's grace we will show God's healing and reconciling love to others.

The Bishop says:

N, let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place.

The people of the parish respond:

All:

Be among us as a faithful and loving pastor so that together we may proclaim the good news of Christ, and with all God's faithful people attain eternal life. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop says:

N, I present you with your licence as Rector and set you in your place among the people of this parish.

The people greet the Rector with applause.

The parish representatives return to their seats.

HYMN 2

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Bishop says

Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord
You that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the holy place
And bless the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: **Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding.
 As we listen to your Word
 may we know you better,
 love you more,
 and learn to please you in all we do;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 6.1-6

HYMN 3

Second Reading 1 Peter 4 .7-11

SERMON **The Rt Rev'd**

HYMN 4

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Rector says:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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.**

The Rector continues.

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens.

Let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

for we put our trust in you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND CHURCH

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The prayers conclude with this prayer from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom:

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Introduced by the Area Dean

The new Rector responds.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Bishop says the following:

Eternal God and Father,

**by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Rector says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSION

HYMN 5

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The Parish Family
would like to invite you to refreshments
in the Parish Hall after the service

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