



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

WELCOMING OF PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

When the homily is concluded, a lay leader (normally the Senior Warden) and Priest-In-Charge (PIC) stand before the gathered community. All are invited to stand to pray the Litany for God's Mission.

A LITANY FOR GOD'S MISSION

Leader Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People Have Mercy on us.

Leader Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

People Have Mercy on us.

Leader Holy spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

People Have Mercy on us.

Leader Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

People Have Mercy on us.

Leader From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for you love,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of compassion,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

People Savior, deliver us

Leader From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

People Hear us, O Christ.



Leader Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.
People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.
People Hear us, O Christ.

At the conclusion of the Litany, all stand for Welcoming of a Missional Priest.

Leader

A church congregation is constantly changing, as individuals come and go. It is important that we recognize endings and beginnings. Today we prayerfully welcome [Name] as s/he begins his/her ministry as our Priest-In-Charge.

[Name], in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Priest-In-Charge

I will, with God's help.

Leader

Will you love, serve, and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and empower, encourage, and extend the efforts of all the baptized as this local Eucharistic community looks beyond itself in service to God's mission?

Priest-In-Charge

I will, with God's help.

Leader



I ask all of you, people of this faith community, will you receive [Name] as your Priest in Charge, regarding him/her as a fellow servant of Christ, working with him/her and sharing the ministry of [Name of Parish]?

People

We will, with God's help.

Leader

May God, who has given us the will to do these things, give us the grace and power to faithfully perform them.

People

Amen.

Leader

In the name of the Living God and of this congregation, I welcome you as Priest-In-Charge of [Name of Parish].

All stand.

Priest-In-Charge

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.